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Tramway Conductors Refuse To Take Fares

American Accused Of Spying

ARRESTED IN BUDAPEST

Budapest, Dec. 23.—The Hungarian government officially announced tonight that it had arrested Israel Jacobson, American Jewish Welfare worker, on suspicion of spying against the Hungarian State.

Mr. Jacobson, Director in Hungary of the American Joint Distribution Committee, was arrested a week ago after returning here from a leave in the U.S.

The Hungarian Foreign Ministry made its announcement in a brief communique which said:

"I. G. Jacobson, foreign citizen, was detained by the State Security authorities for the suspicion of spying against the Hungarian State."

Hungarian officials declined any further comment on the statement.

NO CONTACT

It could not be learned whether the statement meant that Mr. Jacobson would soon be tried on espionage charges.

The Foreign Ministry statement was the first official word from the government about Mr. Jacobson's arrest. Hungarian officials had confirmed to the American Legation in Budapest, however, Mr. Jacobson had been arrested. American officials have tried vainly for a week to see him.

The State Department recently based all private travel to Hungary by American citizens as the result of the arrest of Mr. Jacobson and earlier arrest of Robert Vogel, Assistant Vice President of the International Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Mr. Jacobson, of Rochester, New York, is the third Allied citizen known to be in a Hungarian gulag on espionage charges.—Associated Press.

The Christmas Holidays

During the Christmas holidays publication of the South China Morning Post and Hongkong Telegraph will be as follows:

S. C. M. Post:—The Sunday issue as usual tomorrow, but no publication on Monday or Tuesday. The paper will resume publication on Wednesday morning.

Hongkong Telegraph:—No publication on Monday, but an early issue on Tuesday. The papers will be on sale at noon.

Xmas Strike By Musicians Called Off

London, Dec. 23.—A Christmas strike of British musicians, which threatened to deprive more than 50 provincial theatres and music halls of their orchestras, was called off today.

The Minister of Labour, Mr. George Isaacs, had described the musicians' strike plan as illegal and referred the dispute, which is over demands for increased wages, to the National Arbitration Tribunal.

Theatre managers and the Musicians' Union are to meet next Thursday to discuss the whole problem they stated last night. Meanwhile, contracts will be on a weekly basis at the present rates until new ones are negotiated.—Reuter.

House Collapses: Six Killed

Casablanca, Dec. 23.—Six dead and 35 injured, 10 of them seriously, have been recovered from the debris of a house in Fez, Morocco, which collapsed last night during a meeting of Algerian students.—Reuter.

NEW MOVE IN DISPUTE WITH MANAGEMENT

Thousands of workers, shoppers, and, of course those who have nothing else to do, had free tram rides this morning as Tramway conductors, carrying out their threat to "go slow", refused to take any fares.

Trams become dangerously overcrowded as neither conductors nor drivers made any attempt to control the number of people boarding them.

Even the upper decks were crowded with standing passengers.

Contacted early this morning, Mr. W. F. Simmonds, General Manager of Hongkong Tramways, said he had not then had time to assess the situation. He was waiting for factual reports.

Asked if he considered withdrawing the trams from operation in view of the dangers of overcrowding, Mr. Simmonds said he could not indicate what action might be taken because he was awaiting reports.

He added he would be holding consultations during the morning.

The trams gave all the appearance this morning of being operated in a normal way. The regulation stops were observed and the drivers went at the usual speeds.

The only noticeable difference was that all trams were grossly overcrowded. Conductors stood alongside drivers, but made no endeavours to control passengers alighting or boarding, nor did they take any fares.

The Company's European and Chinese inspectors, it was officially reported, continued to work as usual.

A Telegraph reporter who travelled on some of the cars found that the conductors were

sitting together with the passengers and made no attempt to collect fares. Passengers from other cars said that in some cases the conductors did collect fares when such were offered.

The conductors said that they intended to carry on this "go slow" tactic for a short period to see what reaction would come from the company towards their demand for an improvement of their treatment.

The conductors also said that the normal number of cars, about 110 vehicles, were on service.

The trams were proceeding at about their normal speed, although some appeared to be slower than usual. Almost all of them were extremely crowded. The gatesmen made no attempt to limit the number of passengers entering the cars.

The overcrowding was due to the fact that in addition to the monthly ticket holders and normal passengers there were many who took advantage of the free rides to travel short distances.

Some of the drivers said that they earned about \$190 per month including allowances and they said that they made their demand for economical and no other reasons.

WALKOUT AVERTED

A reporter who attended the workers' meeting last night found that a general walkout was averted mainly because of the strong persuasion by the leading representatives of the workers, who argued that if all cars were stopped on Christmas Eve it would greatly inconvenience the public.

The representatives and some other speakers told the meeting that by having a general strike it would hurt three parties, the public, the workers and the company. But by "going slow" it would narrow down the affected parties to one.

Although there were some very heated arguments because of a few of the workers asked for an immediate strike, the leaders of the whole maintained order through the meeting of several hours held on top of the roof of four houses in Wanchai. The Police was present at the meeting to prevent any untoward incidents.

Bank Robbers Arrested

Munich, Dec. 23.—American Army agents today arrested seven members of the largest bank holdup gang in postwar Germany in the hunt for whom a British and a Norwegian employee of the Anglo-American Oil Company were today named before an American occupation court and held on charges of having staged an armed bank robbery in the Chiemsee area, southern Bavaria, on December 9.—Reuter.



Isbrandtsen Line Masters May Lose Licenses If They Run S'hai Blockade

Washington, Dec. 23.—The Government has warned the Isbrandtsen Line that the masters of any of its ships which enter the Chinese Communist port of Shanghai, may lose their licenses, it was announced on Friday.

The warning, the State Department said, was delivered to the master of the Isbrandtsen ship "Flying Arrow" at Okinawa last Sunday and to the same ship in Pusan, Korea, on Tuesday.

Mr. H. J. Isbrandtsen, president and owner of the New York Line, told the United Press that he had no intention of changing his shipping schedules which were made out many

months in advance. They provide for regular calls at Shanghai, which Nationalist-Chinese naval forces are trying to blockade. His ships have had several encounters with the Nationalist navy. Two of his ships, "Flying Cloud" and "Sir John Franklin," were damaged by shells from Nationalist naval vessels.

Huge Crowds Jam London Shopping Centre

London, Dec. 23.—Dense crowds of Christmas shoppers in Bond Street, Oxford Street and the Strand have caused some of the worst traffic jams experienced in the West End of London since before the war.

The traditional Christmas fare is more plentiful, with the exception of turkey, which are scarce. Some items, such as coconuts, have recently made their appearance in the shops for the first time since the war. Restaurants and hotels report record bookings at gala dinners.

The main centre of attraction for Londoners is the "glut Christmas" tree, a present by Norway, which has been erected in Trafalgar Square.

Its coloured lights, surrounded by floodlit fountains, make a picturesque spectacle.

The Railways anticipate carrying one hundred thousand people to the country today and on Christmas Eve. Long queues were the rule at all London railway termini today.—Reuter.

Shah Has Cold

New York, Dec. 23.—The New York Hospital reported today that the Shah of Iran continued to suffer a slight cold and this had temporarily halted the physical check-up for which he entered the Hospital on Wednesday.

The bulletin issued by the Hospital today said: "His Majesty's mild respiratory infection, with which he entered hospital, continues. Further diagnostic studies were temporarily discontinued, although it is expected they will be resumed tomorrow."—United Press.

competent or has been guilty of misbehaviour, negligence, or unskillfulness or has endangered life, or willfully violated any provisions of this title, they shall immediately suspend or revoke his license."

Mr. Isbrandtsen, only a few hours earlier, had repeated to the United Press his often repeated demand that the United States protect his ships from what, he pointed out, the United States regards as an illegal blockade.

He said that only his line is protecting American trade interests in Communist China, which now includes virtually all of the mainland. He asked: "If we give up our trade, who is going to give it back to us?"—United Press.

The State Department, in its formal communication to the master of the "Flying Arrow", pointed out that the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, has declared the port of Shanghai a "zone of danger". He had warned American ships to steer clear of that zone. The State Department then cited the section of the Maritime Law which requires a ship's master to use reasonable skill in protecting the lives of the persons aboard his vessel, pointing out that if the ship's captain neglects to do so, he may, after a hearing, have his license revoked.

The United States has refused to acknowledge the legality of the Nationalist blockade of China, but the government has rebuked the Isbrandtsen Line for doing business with Shanghai.

Only last Monday, the State Department relayed a new Nationalist warning that the Nationalists were tightening the blockade measures, and mining coastal waters, leaving foreign shipping to enter the area at their own risk.

The State Department said its warnings to the "Flying Arrow" captain were delivered by the commanding officer in Okinawa and a United States consular official at Pusan. Both communications included the text of Mr. Acheson's warning note.

The warning added: "At the direction of the Secretary of State I am instructed to inform you that the Coast Guard has been advised that a violation of the warning will render the master of any United States flag vessel liable to action under the revised statute section 4450."

This regulation points out that the Coast Guard Board of Inspection which enforces Maritime Law, "shall investigate all acts of incompetence or misconduct, committed by any licensed officer while sailing under the authority of his license, and shall have power to summon before them any witnesses. If the Board shall be satisfied that such licensed officer is in-

Peking Warns HK Govt.

RESPONSIBLE FOR TWO AIRLINES' PROPERTY

San Francisco, Dec. 23.—The attention of the Hongkong Government was tonight again drawn to the recent statement made by the Chinese Foreign Minister, Chou En-lai, in which he said that the Government of the British Colony would have to bear full responsibility if the properties of the aviation companies CNAC and CATC were illegally encroached upon, moved or damaged.

This was reported tonight by Peking Radio which quoted a statement by Chung Chih-ping, head of the Civil Aviation Bureau of the Central People's Government, regarding what was described as "the illegal attempt by Chennault and Willauer to seize the properties of the two aviation corporations—CNAC and CATC—in Hongkong."

Chung recalled that Chou En-lai had made known in his statement of December 3 that the CNAC and CATC belonged to the Central People's Government of the People's Republic of China and that they were under the direct control of the Civil Aviation Bureau of the Communist Government.

"NOT LEGAL"

According to Peking Radio, Chung tonight stated, "All attempts of the Kuomintang, Chennault and Willauer to seize the properties of the two aviation corporations are not in the least legal because Clause 2 of Section 3 in the contract of the China National Aviation Corporation stipulates that shares of the CNAC are not to be sold to private persons."

Premier Chou En-lai has pointed out that the Hongkong Government must bear full responsibility if the properties of the two aviation corporations in Hongkong are illegally encroached upon, moved or damaged, and be responsible for the due consequences.

"Because Chennault and Willauer are attempting to illegally encroach upon and move the properties of our two aviation corporations in Hongkong we once more draw the attention of the Hongkong Government to this statement."—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

The Message Of Christmas

THE Christmas season, with its message of peace of earth, goodwill toward men, is with us again. The event, as well as the sentiments it evokes, are welcome because, while there is little visible evidence either of international peace or goodwill, Christmas does at least promote the longing for both. It is also a reminder that the world needs an inspiration to realise either. If there has been a departure over the centuries from regarding Christmas as essentially a religious festival, and to have given way to more secular celebrations—of feasting and jolly-making, it still has succeeded in retaining one characteristic—the spirit and actions of thoughtfulness and kindness. Even in the face of a world still torn by suffering and divided by irreconcilable political ideologies, Christian people still believe in the promise of the angels of "peace on earth among all men of goodwill." And it is just this faith which holds out the greatest encouragement that peace and genuine neighbourliness will dominate relations between nations. Only the incorrigible cynics and defeatists decry the spirit of Christmas—the one established period of the year when self spontaneously gives way to service for others; and these so-called realists are scorned, and rightly so, by their fellow men. Nevertheless, until the easily-aroused sentiments of Christmas can be sustained through the twelve months that follow, they inevitably lose their meaning and become relegated to the ephemeral state of emotionalism. In fact, unless the Christmas message can make the world realise its mistakes of the past year and arouse a determination that they shall

be not repeated, the festival will be but another wasted interlude. The year just ending cannot, unhappily, be claimed to have left the world feeling much nearer to international and permanent peace. The "cold war" which started in 1947 has become aggravated, and the signs are that statesmen and politicians feel the necessity of preparing for a conflict, rather than to concentrate on consolidating and expanding peaceful relations. Internationally the Christian world receives Christmas 1949, with certain feelings of apprehension, and there is a danger that the festival will be used as a medium for escapism instead of dedication to higher ideals and actions in the future. It has been observed before, and it remains true, that the peace of the universe depends on the goodwill of the People. They alone, through their insistence that the message, spirit and intention of Christmas remain the continuous policy controlling international relations, can prevent the destruction of peace so desperately desired. While, therefore, all men of goodwill will join this weekend in exchanging Christmas greetings and express hopes for a peaceful and happier New Year, these will amount to so many cynical platitudes unless the same men can repeat them in words and deeds when the transient festivities are over. Believing that ultimately the Christmas message will become the dominating precept by which the world will live, we too offer to all seasonal greetings, expressing the hope that all will spend a joyous Christmas and will be participants in a happy and peaceful New Year.

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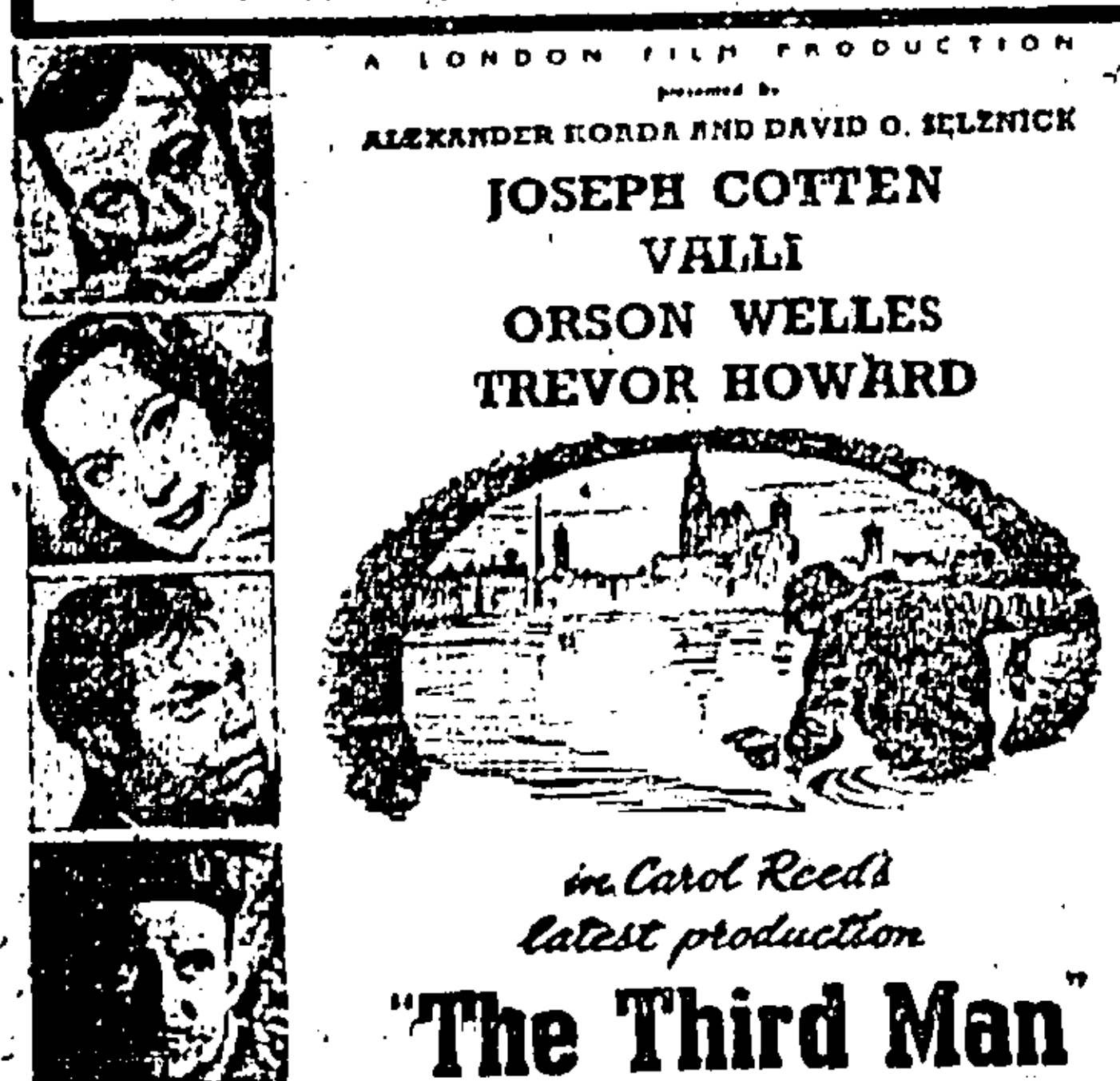
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WHO are Rank's Big Money-makers?



Ann Todd • Margaret Lockwood • John Mills • Joan Simmons

Who are Mr Rank's most dependable money magnets at the box-office? We shall soon learn his view—for the chosen stars will be on work parade at Pinewood in the New Year.

As Denham closes down, Pinewood is about to enter on the most critical six months of its history. At the end of that period Mr Rank has to decide whether he can carry on production or not.

So the pictures—and stars—going on the studio floor between January and June will carry a load of responsibility. Upon their success may well depend the future of Britain's biggest film organisation.

Who are likely to lead Pinewood's stars of destiny during the testing-time of 1950?

★ MARGARET LOCKWOOD after her Peter Pan season and tour. Even after a year's studio absence, her name is still gilt-edged stock at the box-office.

But the picture will not be Vanity Fair that is thought of speculation for crisis-time. A more up-to-date script is wanted for Margaret.

★ JOHN MILLS. He is in so much demand that his stage return is being continually postponed.

★ ANN TODD—in a modern comedy (as a contrast to the recently completed 'Madeleine'), probably without husband David Lean directing this time.

★ And then, of course, there is JEAN SIMMONS. She finishes "So Long at the Fair" this week—under the special care of one producer, Betty Box, and two directors, Anthony Darnborough and Terence Fisher.

Last to go

If Rank production did close down, Miss Simmons would be the last to go. So there are two new pictures planned for her, "Clouded Yellow" a thriller in which she will play a "butterfly"-like heiress—possibly with Trevor Howard co-starring, and "China Run," which is to present her as the skipper of a schooner on the China Coast.

Here is Jean Simmons—at 20, Mr Rank's top hope in his

coming fight—talking about her own future.

"Next July means one of two things for me, if production goes on, my money is due to go up, if production closes down, I'm out."

"What would happen then I don't know, I suppose I could be sub-contracted out to another company."

"Hollywood? Yes, I should love to make one picture there, just for the experience—and thrill. Who wouldn't?"

"But, most of all, I'm crossing my fingers and hoping the old firm can carry on—and carry me with them. After all, I owe everything to them—where would I be otherwise?"

"And I hope that doesn't sound like just shooting a corny line, because I honestly mean it."

Other pictures for Pinewood's now-or-never period?

A Somerset Maugham Trio—to follow up the success of his Quartet—comprising three celebrated stories: "Mr Know-All," "The Sanatorium" (which will run for an hour) and "The Verger." No cast chosen yet; but Mr Maugham has already visited the studios to act his introductory scene.

Also a projected version of "Tony Draws a Horse" Lesley Storm's witty stage comedy, a facts-of-life theme: John Paddy Carstairs directing, Cecil Parker and Marjorie Fielding in mind for the leads.

That is, if a screen script can be hammered out which will get by the British and American censors (The latter are already raising their eyebrows).

Pinewood is hoping that censorship will not, in this case, be less progressive than the modern school education syllabus.

(London Express Service).

GREETINGS FROM ANN BLYTH



SLEEPER OF '49

Making a sleeper picture is like finding gold or hitting the jackpot in any other way. A sleeper is a picture which has been under a modest budget and becomes a success far greater than the producers anticipated.

Movie insiders are calling RKO Radio's "The Window," the Sleeper of 1949. A picture of Cornell Woolrich's thrilling mystery story, "The Boy Called Murder," the cast is headed by Barbara Hale, Bobby Driscoll, Arthur Kennedy, Paul Stewart and Ruth Roman. Kennedy, incidentally, is now a hit on Broadway in a leading role in "Death of a Salesman."

Sleepers of the past have done much to brighten the history of the screen. One of the outstanding sleepers was "Happened One Night," which won Academy Awards for its stars Claudette Colbert and Clark Gable. Many consider "Johnny Belinda" a sleeper and it is said, that Jane Wyman fought considerable opposition before she was permitted to play the role that won her an Oscar.

One of the greatest sleepers was "Hitler's Children," which cost RKO about \$175,000 and grossed more than \$6,000,000. The late Mark Hellinger's career as a film producer was launched with a sleeper—"The Killers."

Other notable sleepers include "Dillinger," "A Man to Remember," which was the first picture directed by Garson Kanin; "Miracle on 34th Street," "Sitting Pretty" and "Marge."

With such examples to guide them the experts say they don't need a crystal ball to justify their prediction that "The Window" is the sleeper of 1949.

THE ONE AND ONLY

Who is the tallest male motion picture star?
Which has the most hair on his chest?

Which cost the most in salary for a single picture?

Which can lift his adult leading lady with one finger?

Which can out-pull 10 wrestlers in a rope tug-of-war... drag a horse off his feet... climb the side of a building as easily as another would go up stairs?

Not Gable or Flynn. This super-star is one Joe Young.

Joe is an ape who plays the title role in Merian C. Cooper's "Mighty Joe Young."

The ape, a lovable, sympathetic character, 10 feet tall, lifted blonde Terry Moore to his shoulder with a finger, pulled co-star Ben Johnson off a horse, and performed more acrobatic heroics than bounding Douglas Fairbanks during his most athletic days.

Advance notices indicate Joe Young will be the most dynamic screen personality since his legendary predecessor, the mighty King Kong.



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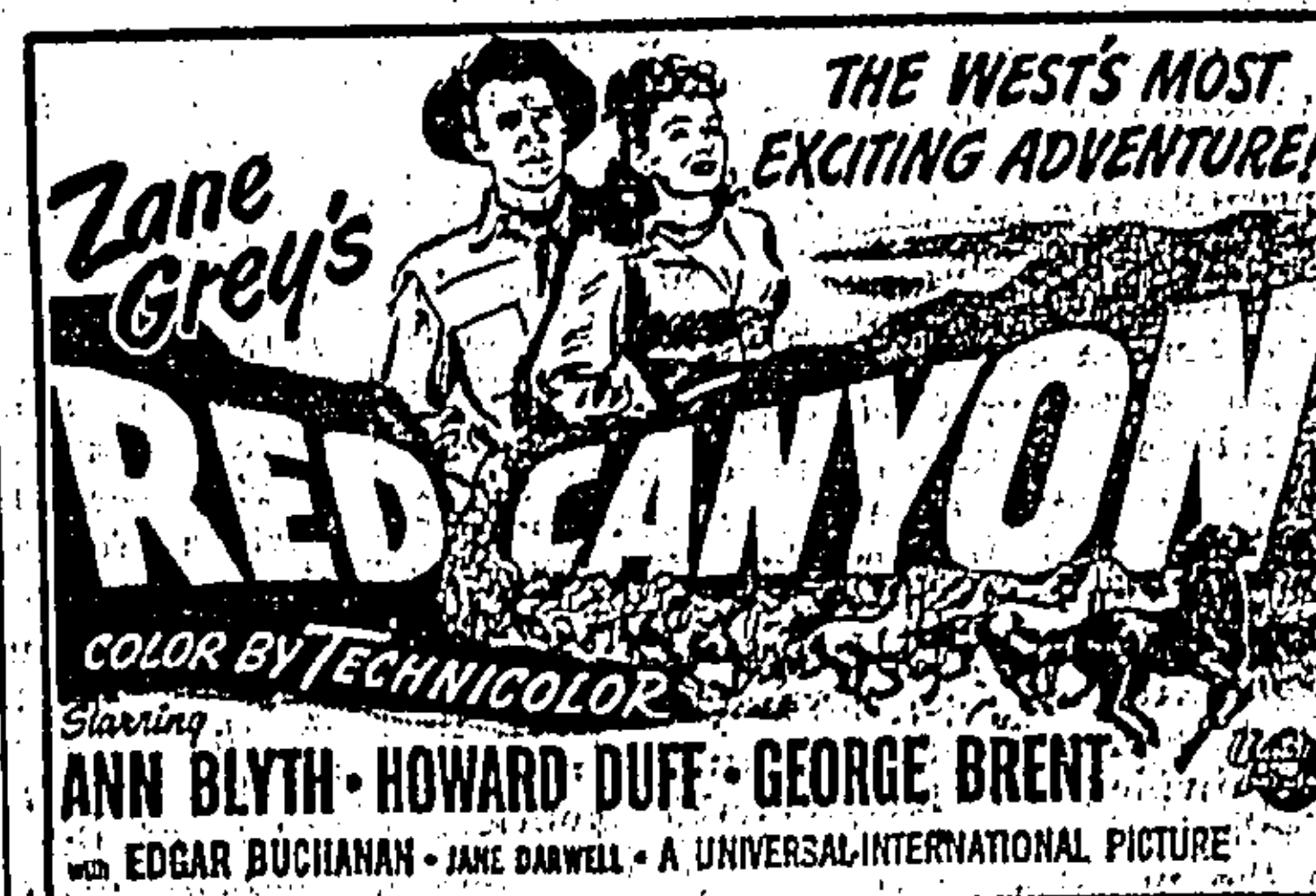
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Her petition to the Vatican to be released from her vows after 28 years was accepted and a papal rescript issued permitting her to return to the outside world.

By . . . **MONICA BALDWIN**

LOOKING back, it now seems to me that what was hardest to human nature in religious life was the absolute subjection of one's free will to the exigencies of the Rule of the Order.

From the moment of awakening till the hour when at last you fall asleep, the Rule holds you in its grip.

One prays, reads, eats, walks in the garden, at the appointed hour; no religious is allowed to follow her own inclinations in the disposal of her time.

When the cloister bell rings as the signal for a change of occupation, all must abandon whatever they are doing.

Should you be writing, no matter how ardently genius may burn, the Rule exacts that you should break off in the middle, not only of a sentence, but of a word.

To "disobey the first sound of the bell" and con-

tinue—even for an instant—an occupation which, the moment the bell sounds, has ceased to be "of Rule," is to commit a fault.

Neither are you left free as to the manner in which you do things. Everything is ordained, down to the very way you sit or move or hold your hands.

Even when you sweep or dust, it must be done exactly in the particular fashion that was taught to you in the Noviceship.

So deeply did the Rule cut into one's liberty that even the mind was subject, at certain times, to the most rigorous discipline.

Half an hour before the last bell which summoned the nuns to the Divine Office, the cloister bell rang solemnly to remind them that "strict silence" had begun and that, from now onwards, until that particular "hour" of the Divine Office should be ended, to occupy the mind with anything but spiritual thoughts

would be a fault against the Rule.

By the Vow of Poverty, none of the religious might possess anything whatsoever of her own.

The nuns, like the early Christians, had "everything in common." There was no such thing as mine and thine; everything was always spoken of as "ours"—"our knife and fork," "our breviary," "our choir-mantle," even "our brush and comb."

Everything one has is to begin with, exactly like that used by everybody else, and, since it is only lent to one, nothing of one's own personality is to be found in it.

MOTHER of the community

Our convent was divided into choir nuns and lay sisters.

The Superior—known as the Reverend Mother Prior—was elected trien-

nally by the votes of the choir nuns. Her position was that of mother to the community. The extreme respect shown to her was based upon the idea that in the monastery she held the place of Christ.

The nuns, until they had been for a certain number of years in the community, always knelt when she spoke to them.

When she passed, they had to rise and bow as she went by. Her will was supreme.

She herself was expected to be in all things a model of perfection.

The choir nuns also elected perhaps 16 or 17 sisters who represented them, much as an M.P. represents his constituency.

These sisters were consulted when important decisions had to be taken by the prioress.

The actual work of the house was divided up among the "officers."

Of these, the sacristan had one of the most important and arduous tasks. Two other nuns—usually among the strongest—were allowed to her as helps.

One was always responsible for the bell-ringing in choir and cloister which called the nuns to various duties.

She had also to start the "peal" rung in the choir for five minutes or so before each part of the Divine Office.

On high festivals, the sacristan's life was a perfect nightmare of bell-ringing. She seldom put on weight for lack of exercise.

Should she be late to ring, or forget altogether, the earth shook and trembled, for the entire community would be seriously inconvenienced.

Church linen and vestments were kept in an ancient room called the cistery.

Here were long chests with deep drawers full of cotons and silks, each one folded in the strictest possible accordance with the binding of the tape.

The snowy gossamer lawn out of which most of them were fashioned was lace—edged—precious, historic lace, including sharp intakes of breath and wide eye-openings when shown to connoisseurs.

And what masses of it! Cream foam-colour, ivory, linen-white, ghost-grey, or palest oyster—all the faint, indescribably quartered between white and white that only exist in lace. Each piece had its pedigree.

Most of it was well over a yard in depth.

SELF-DENIAL is not enough

THIS is no place in which to set forth the motives which inspire the penitential practices of the religious orders.

It is, however, interesting to note that the extraordinary penances of the saints were not so much the outcome of a desire for their own sanctification as a tremendous urge to help and save and, if possible, atone for the sins and sufferings of a world which has very largely lost the true idea of God.

The life itself—hard, silent, rigorous, austere—is packed with opportunities for self-denial. And yet, for many souls, even that does not seem to be enough.



A Novice presents her petition in Chapter asking to be received into the Order.

set my heart on was in reality His Will for me. Instead of which, I simply took the bit between my teeth and galloped onwards.

Now it stands to reason that religious life, which is essentially a life of sacrifice, will never succeed if it is based on selfishness.

And I fear (though it deeply humiliates me to confess it) there can be no doubt that selfishness was the foundation on which my own religious life was built.

From this the trouble sprang. It must have been, I think, after about ten years in the convent that I first began to wonder, miserably, whether I had not, perhaps, made a dreadful and tragic mistake.

The idea so disturbed me that I put it aside as a temptation. I dared tell no one. It seemed to me, however, that mistake or no mistake, I had taken a step from which there could be no withdrawing.

The only thing to do was to set one's teeth and go on with it, if not from inclination, then by sheer dogged force of will. But at last came a day when I knew that I could blink the truth no longer. I was no more fitted to be a nun than to be an acrobat.

It was then that I finally made up my mind that I must go.

The End

[These articles are extracts from the book "I Leap Over the Wall," by Monica Baldwin, published by Hamish Hamilton, Ltd.]

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COLONEL Leroy G. Hoston, U.S. Air Force Liaison Officer in Hongkong, and Mrs. Hoston (centre of group) were welcomed to Hongkong at a cocktail party given at the Correspondents Club last week. On the left are Capt. and Mrs. W. L. Bolton, and on the right are Major W. H. Saunders and Commander A. W. Long. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



LEFT: Mr. Thomas George Tennant Birley and Miss Mona Agnes Shand leaving St. John's Cathedral after their wedding last Saturday. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



GROUP photograph taken at the YWCA, Duddell Street, last Saturday when members of the Tusitala Club entertained children of the Boys and Girls Clubs at a Christmas party. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)

RIGHT: Three of the characters in the Nativity play presented at St. John's Hall last Saturday by children of the Northcote Training College Attached School. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



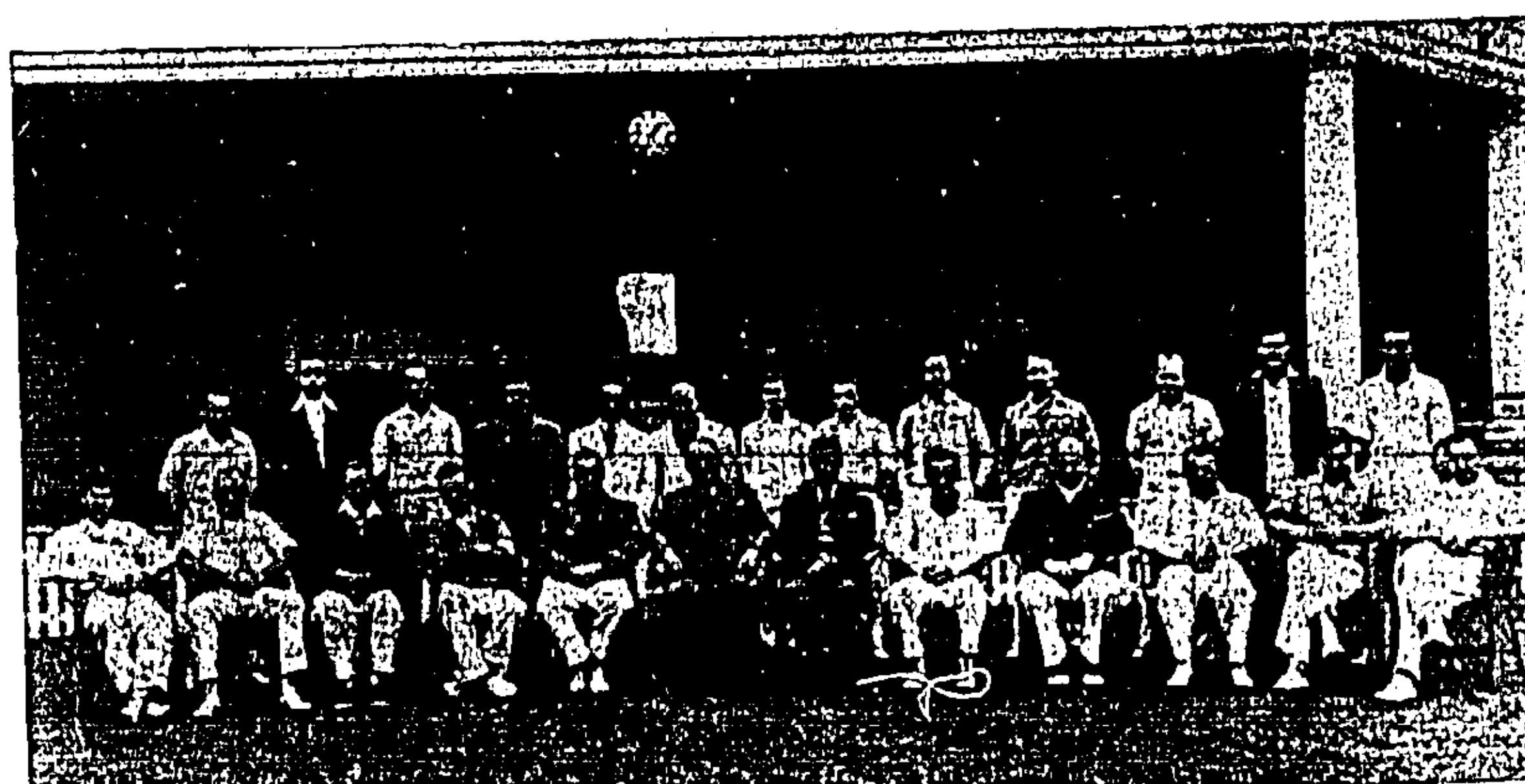
THE christening of Thana Margaret, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs J. S. Crighton, at the Holy Trinity Church last week, was attended by a large group of friends. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



TWO pictures taken at the Christmas party for children given by the Y's Men's Club at the Sun Kwong School last Saturday. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



CHILDREN of the Quarry Bay School snapped at their Christmas concert last week. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



TEAMS representing Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., taken before their cricket match last Sunday. The former won. (Ming Yuen)

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MR Kenneth Chan and Miss Helen Wei, who were married at the English Methodist Church last Saturday, photographed with their attendants. (Ming Yuen)



MR and Mrs Charles L. Becker, who celebrated their silver wedding by giving a big party at St Andrew's Church Hall last week. They were married at St Andrew's Church. (S. Becker)

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Frederick Starke's evening dress in metallic brown duchesse de gans satin, strapless, slim-skirted and sophisticated, with large bows on hip long gloves cuffed with beaver are worn with the dress.

Also from Frederick Starke is this short evening dress (right) consisting of sunray pleated black tulle overskirt with fallie underskirt. Bodice is gold "coat-of-mail".

**Matching
Make-Up With
Hair Shades**

By HELEN FOLLETT

FOR the brunette with dark hair, brown eyes and fair complexion a delicate rose powder may prove more alluring than rouge, which is most often recommended. With the flesh tint one can do away with commercial blushes that are not as popular as they used to be when it was the practice to lay on the glow with a lavish hand.

For Blondes

For the blonde lovelies there are exquisite shades that remind one of the petals of a rose—creamy pinks that give softness and character to the skin and a delicate, porcelain-like finish.

She of the florid complexion believes that her problems are really tough. Believe it or not, but rhyolite powder mixed with green tones dim the natural high lights. This must be blended to order at a cosmetic bar.

If there is natural colouring, a flesh tinted powder or pancake make-up will fill the bill. If pallor is present, use a golden powder, touching the cheeks lightly with rouge of the colour of the wild rose and avoid a lipstick of darker tone, but belonging to the same colour family.

Mauve Powder

Only the blue-eyed, white haired sisters can find any possible use for mauve powder. This type usually has a delicate rather transparent skin and mauve seems to give accent to the dainty texture. Mauve eye shadows can be used. They really do something.

Apply powder lightly. Fluff on a little, add a little more. That is a better method than dapping on a cloud of the stuff, grinding it in with the pad. Tap the flesh lightly afterwards with your fingertips. Another good way to blend powder is with a brush.

The red head has problems that are problems. She must consider the colour of her hair as well as the tone of her complexion.

The flaming that has many variations sometimes it is a mixture of auburn and copper shades, in which event she should select a lip stick and rouge of orange-red. This rule also applies to the carrot-top, if she will forgive us for calling her that.

Some brown tresses show red glints, but they are no problem. Forget them, consider only the natural colouring of the skin, seeking powder, rouge and lipstick that will flatter.

Dresses For The Fireside Or Out-Of-Doors Christmas

LONDON.

CHRISTMAS in a cold climate might be expected to have a definite influence on the clothes chosen for festive occasions. But on a tour round the London stores I found the attractive tinsel-decorated sweaters and swirling woollen evening skirts that are normally so popular are second favourite.

By **Joan Erskine**

Women have succumbed in their thousands to the lure of sequin-scattered net or tulle. Fine net overskirts, which can usually be detached, set stoles and fascinators, fully gauzed net peplums which tie round the waist with a narrow ribbon, ruched net bodices, are only a few of the ways in which this humble material is gaining fashion fame.

Colours are gay for the time. Pastel shades are everywhere, contrasting sharply with sombre shot-black satins. Grecian-style draped chiffon evening dresses, with bands of silver or gold thread embroidery suit tall women with classic features and smooth hair-styles, but are apt to look like nightdresses on others.

The really short tight evening dress—favourite of the 1950 fashion—has not yet superseded the full-skirted ballet length dress which not only holds its own against newer fashions, but manages to look demure and futuristic into the bargain!

For Grand Occasions

For grand occasions Frederick Starke has designed an evening dress in metallic brown duchesse de gans satin, strapless, slim-skirted, and sophisticated, with large bows on hip long matching gloves cuffed with beaver are worn. (Illustrated.)

For less formal affairs he created a graceful short evening or cocktail outfit. The skirt is sunray pleated black tulle over a fallie underskirt. The bodice is glittering "coat of mail" of gold thread and sequins. A long sleeved jacket or blouse would immediately make this suitable for afternoon tea or an evening at the theatre. (Illustrated.)

Teenagers are receiving a flattering amount of attention

this year. Recently a well-known West End store opened its "Teenage Bar." One end of the department is curved, and has a high counter with stools around it, resembling a real cocktail bar. Here the teenager is served with accessories of every kind in an appetising manner! The hats are a little more inspired than the "Billy Boy" variety that the unfortunate in-betweeners have been forced to wear for so long; the evening dresses show more thought for a sensitive young mind.

Teen-age Glamour

But still the favourite colours for the 12 to 15-year-olds are pink and blue. Saw several dresses in crepe with softly gathered skirts, deep cape collars, and tiny puff sleeves, and others with circular skirts hanging in deep folds. The colours ranged from deep coral to ice-cream pink, and palest sage blue to the palest "watered-lake" shades. Caped sleeves and ruffled necks were cleverly designed to hide awkwardness.

Little girl dresses—replicas of the teen-age styles—a re eminently suitable for children. They are dainty and pretty, mostly in fine organdie, voile or muslin. Most of them have high necks, Peter Pan collar and puff sleeves, and nearly all the skirts are flared. Why try and invent fantastic new styles for children? The little girls I saw gazing wide-eyed at the selection in front of them, and tugging at their parent's hand to attract attention to them, were far from critical, and after all, they have to wear the dresses. And evening cloaks for little girls seem to be on the Red Riding Hood line.

Gay For Babies, Too

A quick look at the baby department assured us that babies are going gay for Christmas too. Exquisite nylon fabrics of every kind and the finest silk lace was used to make their minute dresses.

In another London store I found that present buying has followed two distinct trends. Clothes and furs or pets and perfume. A roaring trade had been done in Siamese kittens with their mysterious odd-coloured eyes and aloof manner. Short fur capes, in spite of the heavy tax, had sold well. Extremely impractical dainty high-heeled dancing sandals were being bought along with a concession to London climate—thick warm fur foot-muffs! Those of us who wanted a little something different to wear took a quick look at the collections seen in London so far. They gave us the following ideas:

Why not an all-white wool dress? The one seen had cap

**Popularity
Mounting**

COTTONS are becoming more and more popular in Britain and women are beginning to realise that even when the sun is blazing cotton can be an appropriate choice for a suit or a dress. The emphasis on plain cottons, too, is becoming apparent and an interesting point about the recent Horrockses Fashion Show was the emphasis on monotonous jacquard cottons and shot poplins which proved to have a chic which even the printed designs could hardly equal.

Variety Motifs

These plain cottons often appeared for beautifully tailored dresses, teamed with formal accessories. Dainty prints were shown for town wear, and such designs as tiny heart motifs in dull red or blue on a black ground and cotton tartans in dark green and blue shades aroused a great deal of interest. The usual vivid floral prints which were small and stylised, and checked gowns from colour alliances, as in a block check combining lime green and petunia. Again prominence was given to dainty designs of Persian inspiration and featured among other novelties was a patch-work quilt motif and a "marble bust" design.

Pleats, Pleats

As is inevitable with cottons, full skirts were more prominent than straight ones, and unpressed pleats were skillfully used. In some cases, however, pleats were broken by plain panels at one side or each side of the front. Waistlines were still closely fitted and belts stiffened.

by **SUSAN DEACON**

Wear pearls on your shoulder for a change

CHRISTMAS parties are the gayest of the year and your clothes should be in the mood of the season.

Look through your wardrobe now. There is still time for last-minute alterations.

Think up new ideas for wearing your jewellery. For evening, wear your pearls wound round one shoulder strap instead of round the throat. If you are buying new jewellery remember that a gilt snake necklace is more fashionable than a pearl choker.

Glamorous net

GET new ideas into your clothes, too. Many women who bought full taffeta waist petticoats to wear with the old New Look find that there is no use for them now that the fashion silhouette is slimmer.

But why not have a net overskirt made, using the taffeta slip as a base?

Have the net finely pleated (this can be done at most large stores) and stitch it on a velvet waist-band (Sketch No. 4). On Christmas night tuck a large red rose or bright chiffon handkerchief into the waist-band.

Alternatively, make your net skirt filled in two tiers (Sketch No. 1), and sprinkle the top tier with sequins or tiny velvet bows.

These net over-skirts are glamorous and in the party mood.

Crushes easily

BUT if you have to travel far from your home to attend a party, remember that net crushes easily and looks attractive only if it is fresh and uncreased.

Over your skirt wear a plain jumper or blouse with a boat-shaped neck line.

Brighten this with sequins or brightly coloured beads stitched on in clusters.

Make a wide velvet band on elastic to wear on your hair, and fix tiny alternate bunches of holly and mistletoe along the velvet. (Sketch No. 2.)

Many stores now sell artificial sprays of mistletoe, which are pretty to wear on your hair, and will not lose their berries. Fasten a spray to the wrist of your black gloves. (Sketch No. 3.)

Paper chains and festoons are not so much in favour for house decoration these days.



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sleeves edged with fine gold thread and tiny gold buttons down the front. And what about really unusual colouring? Spectator Sports showed a purple grosgrain skirt worn with a white pique shirt with fly-away collar and an antique gold cross necklace. The effect was very regal. They also produced a very pretty dress with grey tucked nylon strapless bodice, and circular skirt printed with an all-over design of red roses and green leaves.

Circular Net Skirt

Another interesting colour combination was formed by wearing a circular net skirt of brown over one of blue, with a fawn foundation. An iridescent effect was achieved.

For a hot day, we envied a sleeveless dress in navy linen, from Dorville, which opened to the waist and showed a white broderie anglaise modesty vest. A detachable overskirt of white broderie anglaise which opened down the front gave it a fragile appearance.

But whether it is a stay-at-home Christmas by the fire, or an out-of-door Christmas in the sun there are dresses for every conceivable occasion.

"Interplay"



"Interplay" From a new London collection, this 1950 silhouette dress has exciting interest in its checkerboard play of black satin and crepe from the bodice to its peplum. Huge circular wheels at one shoulder and hip and a slim skirt complete the interesting silhouette.

**FEMININE LIPS
TIPIFY
CHARACTER**

Buffalo, N. Y. USE a steady hand when you put on that lipstick, sister. For, according to a New York University faculty member, the shape of your mouth is a tip-off to your whole personality.

Mrs. Veronica Dengel, author and beauty engineer, counsels young men in search of a mate to study the prospect's lips. All feminine mouths can be classified in five categories, Mrs. Dengel claims. And here's the way she tabs them:

1. Thin lips—conservative type. This girl is usually an introvert. Most women in this category are content to remain spinsters and look upon men with suspicion. They lack feeling and are shy and reticent.

2. Large full lips—dramatic type. This girl is an extrovert. She is romantically expressive, theatrical and blarney. One thin and one full lip—executive type. This girl is the business type. She is serious and scholastically minded, works eagerly and conscientiously with any task and has a sensible balance of values.

4. Full centre—feminine type. This girl is the housewife type. She wants marriage and makes a successful career of marriage and love.

(London Express Service)

PRACTICAL HOMECRAFT

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WASH DAY WORK IS INFINITELY easier when the home-maker has a special cabinet where all necessary laundering supplies are always ready at hand.

By MARION CLYDE McCARROLL

HAVE you a carpentry-minded husband in the family?

If so, you might suggest—in a nice subtle way, of course—that wash day would be a whole lot easier for you if you had a special utility cabinet to hang on the wall near washing machine or tub that would hold all of your washing essentials.

The cabinet shown is made of 3/4 in. birch plywood, but it could be made of almost any other hard wood, or even a soft wood such as pine. Finished with glossy white enamel, or any water-resistant paint, it's easily kept clean with an occasional quick go-over with a damp cloth.

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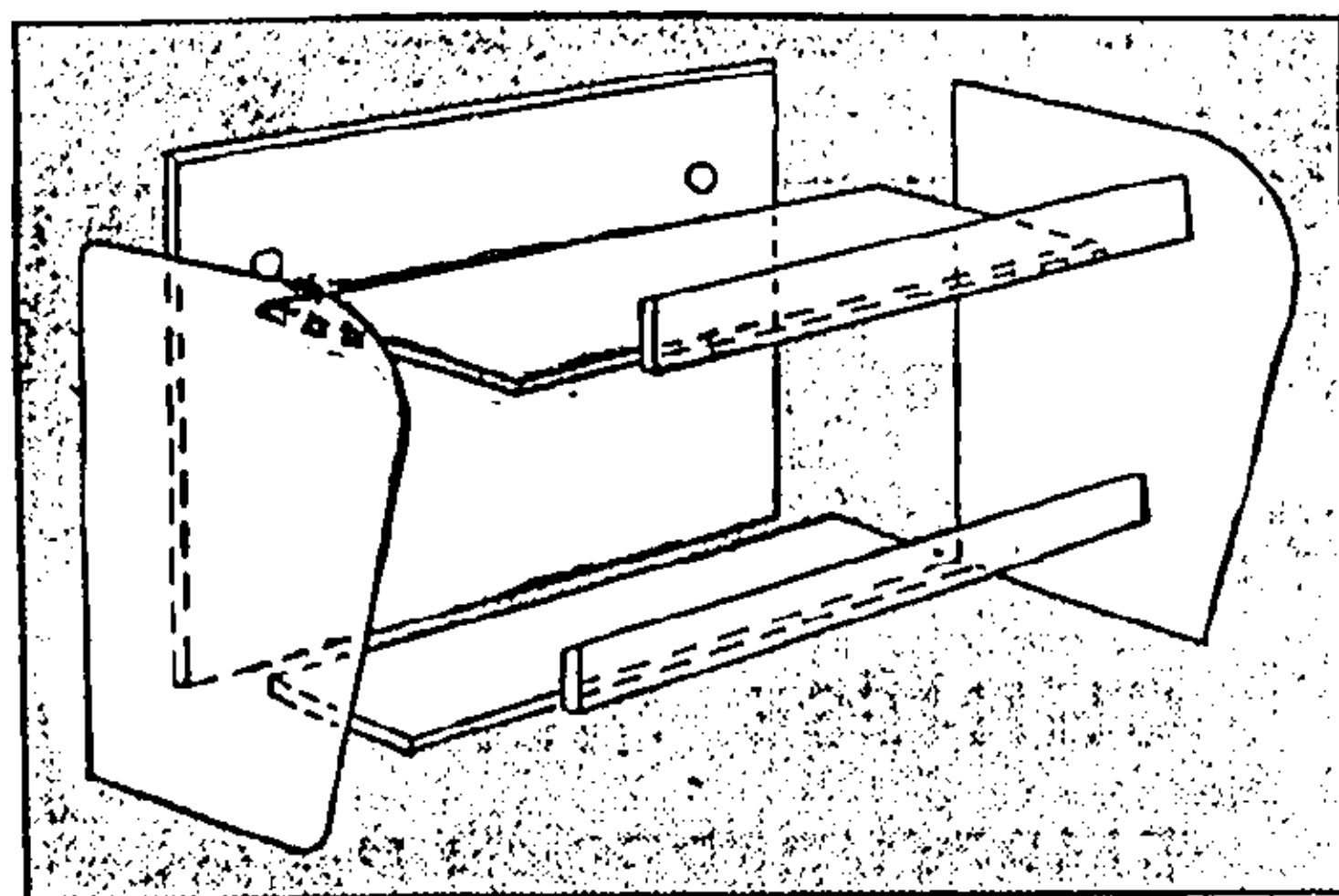
Two shelves, each 15 in. long, with a lip or ledge running across the front of each, and with side and back pieces, make the simple cabinet, whose total height is 12 in. The depth

of the top shelf is 7 1/2 in., and of the bottom, 9 in. Two hooks screw into each side for hanging objects, such as clothes pin bag, clothes line, etc., and screws attach the cabinet to the wall.

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Designer Ernest Herrmann gives assurance that only the most elementary tools are needed in the construction work—a small saw, hammer, nails and sandpaper. He suggests that in order to make sure both sides are identical, saw them out roughly, then nail them together and sandpaper them simultaneously to exactly the same shape and smoothness.

Complete washday supplies for storing in the cabinet should include (with leeway for substitution) the washing product; dry starch; liquid starch; bowl for mixing starch; wooden spoon for stirring same; measuring cup, bleach, bluing, thermometer (so that water temperature can be accurately tested according to different types and colour-fastness of fabrics) and cleanser and brush for clean-up work.



AND HERE'S THE WAY THE seven simple pieces go together. To make both sides identical, saw them out, nail together and sandpaper to same shape.

Christmas Sparkles

KENT, O.

SOME of the nicest traditions of Christmas, including gift giving and greenery decoration, had their inception in the festival of the Roman Saturnalia, says Martin L. Davey, Jr., the tree expert. Holly boughs were sent as tokens of good will and dwellings were decked with holly branches and laurel.

The people and the senate presented gifts to the emperor and enjoyed a general exchange as well. When Christmas supplanted the Saturnalia, the customs survived and eventually became our own.

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BUFFALO, N. Y.

MRS Katherine J. Rott of Buffalo is a woman who had to start her Christmas knitting early. The 87 year-old great-grandmother knits a sweater and mittens for each of her 50 great-grandchildren for Christmas. Mother, of eight and grandmother of 28, she recently received word of the birth of her 50th great-grandchild in Honolulu.

"I'm proud as a peacock," she said when informed the number of her descendants had grown to 25.

Time to plan for their eyes to shine!

MY KITCHEN
by
FRANCES
DALE

WHEN I was young we had sacks of gold on our party tables! Now, don't start reaching for your pens to send me snob reprovals. It's true. We did. The "gold" spilled out on the white cloth from the necks of sponge-cake sacks covered with marzipan.

Stand a big sack or several little gold or silver foil-wrapped chocolate coins on a shiny red or green paper board or on a silver tray. Lay a white cloth, mark each infant guest's place with a there with the hands set for "mat" of the same shiny paper the time that the "party" comes in emerald or scarlet, and cut in to ten. The shape of an animal, fish, elephant, rabbit, or cat.

Circle napkins with rings of imitation holly or mistletoe, lay no place at the table top, but instead stand a clock cake



Consider TOMMY TORTOISE here. He's an old family friend. Bumbling along on a plate or dish with a curly leaf of marzipan set temptingly to his nose, he's a certain favourite with the undertones. So is CLAUDE CATERPILLAR inching along a board like this:



If you highlight gold sacks, place a "sack" of sweets for each child in striped cottons, plaid silks, gay prints with fat bows to trim.

Scrumge short candlesticks—plenty of them—which can be masked with cotton wool, sprinkled with "frost," and filled with different coloured candles, all dotted about the table so that the points of light star the dishes irregularly.

No adult observes more acutely than a child and every touch of "difference" will be approved by your small visitors.

What to do

- 1 Raise chair levels with seat cushions so that at worst small noses reach table level.
- 2 Fill mugs or cups an easy non-spillable half-full.
- 3 See that hot chocolate or other such drinks are not too hot.

Disregard nursery rules, and let every child start, if he wishes, with the richest, messiest cake, and lay down no bread-and-butter-first embargoes.

- 5 Keep all candles well out of reach of curls, fingers, or hair ribbons.
- 6 Be prepared to go on plying food until you are content every child will be very ill. If the ingredients are sound the casualty list will be low.

*****THE SPONGE MIXTURE:** You need 6ozs sugar 1/2lb. flour 1 1/2 teaspoons golden raising powder, two large or three small eggs or three reconstituted dried eggs, vanilla essence, milk, 6ozs. margarine.

Cream fat and sugar together. Add flour and golden raising powder sifted together. Beat eggs singly with creamed mixture. Add flour. Fold in lightly. Add essence and few drops of milk. Turn into greased floured tins. Bake in moderate oven for 45 minutes.

*****GOLD SACK CAKE:** Sponge mixture baked in 7 in. diameter cake tin. Cut as diagram in stood on wide end and wrapped in almond paste. Almond paste "fill," pinched round top stuck with water or egg white. Ribbon bow. Gold or silver paper-covered chocolate coins to fill and scatter around.

*****CLOCK CAKE:** Plain sponge mixture, baked in a square tin. Stood on side, covered with white icing. Top and side trimmings in pink butter icing.

Plain icing pipe and pink butter icing to outline clock face and numerals (or cut in thin; angelica). Angelica "hands," cherry centre. Fancy pipe either "rose" or "shell" for all trimmings.

Extra fancy: Cake sliced before icing and rejoined with layers of butter icing.

*****FATLESS SPONGE FOR CLAUDE CATERPILLAR:** Bake in a shallow Swiss roll tin; divide length-wise. Roll with jam into two narrow rolls, and join together with jam.

Lay on humps of butter icing. Cover whole surface with green butter icing. Pull into tail tip and nose tip. Cherry eye; stubby angelica legs.

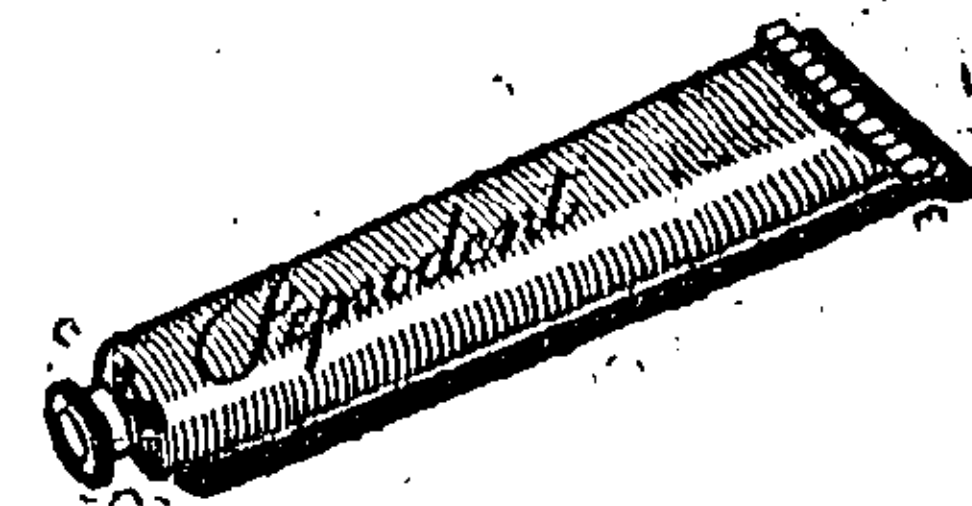
*****TOMMY TORTOISE:** Plain sponge mixture, baked in sandwich tin. Cut as diagram in. Dome of butter icing laid on. Surface covered with coffee butter icing. Shell markings made with orange stick.

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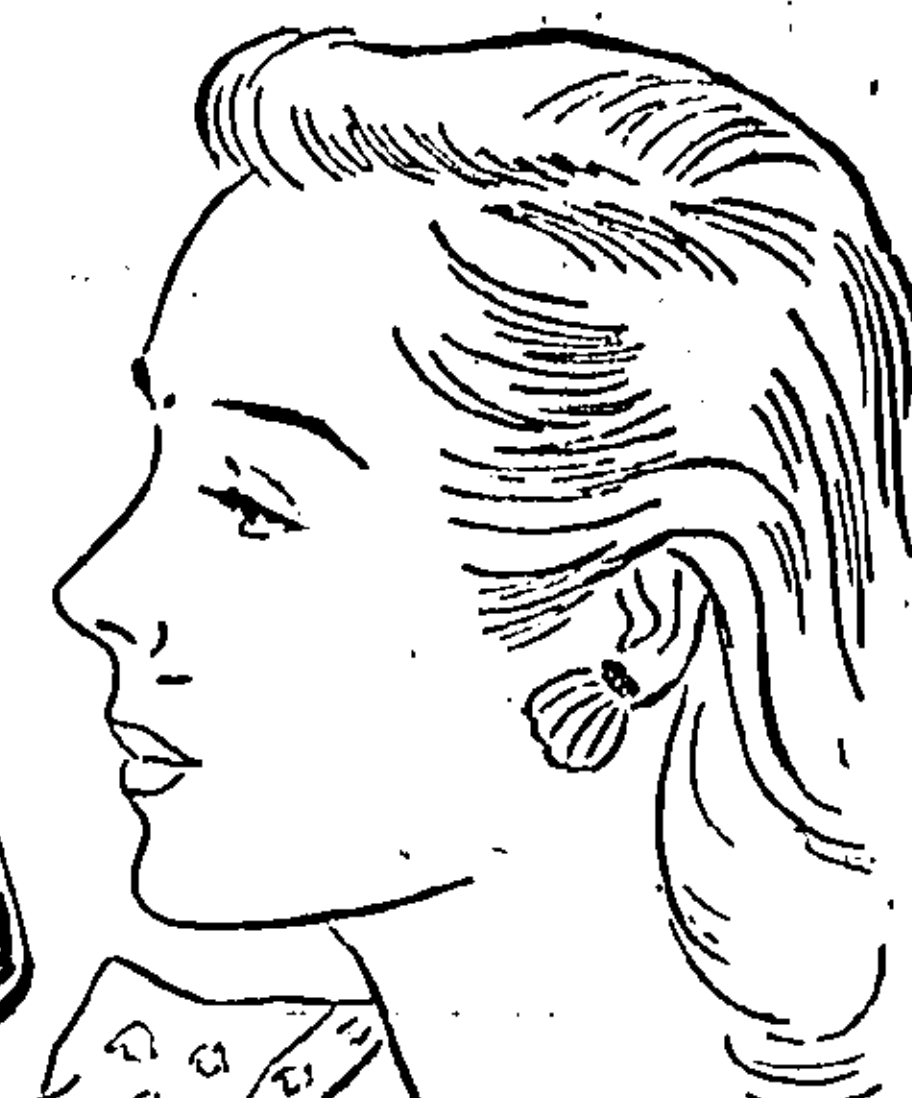
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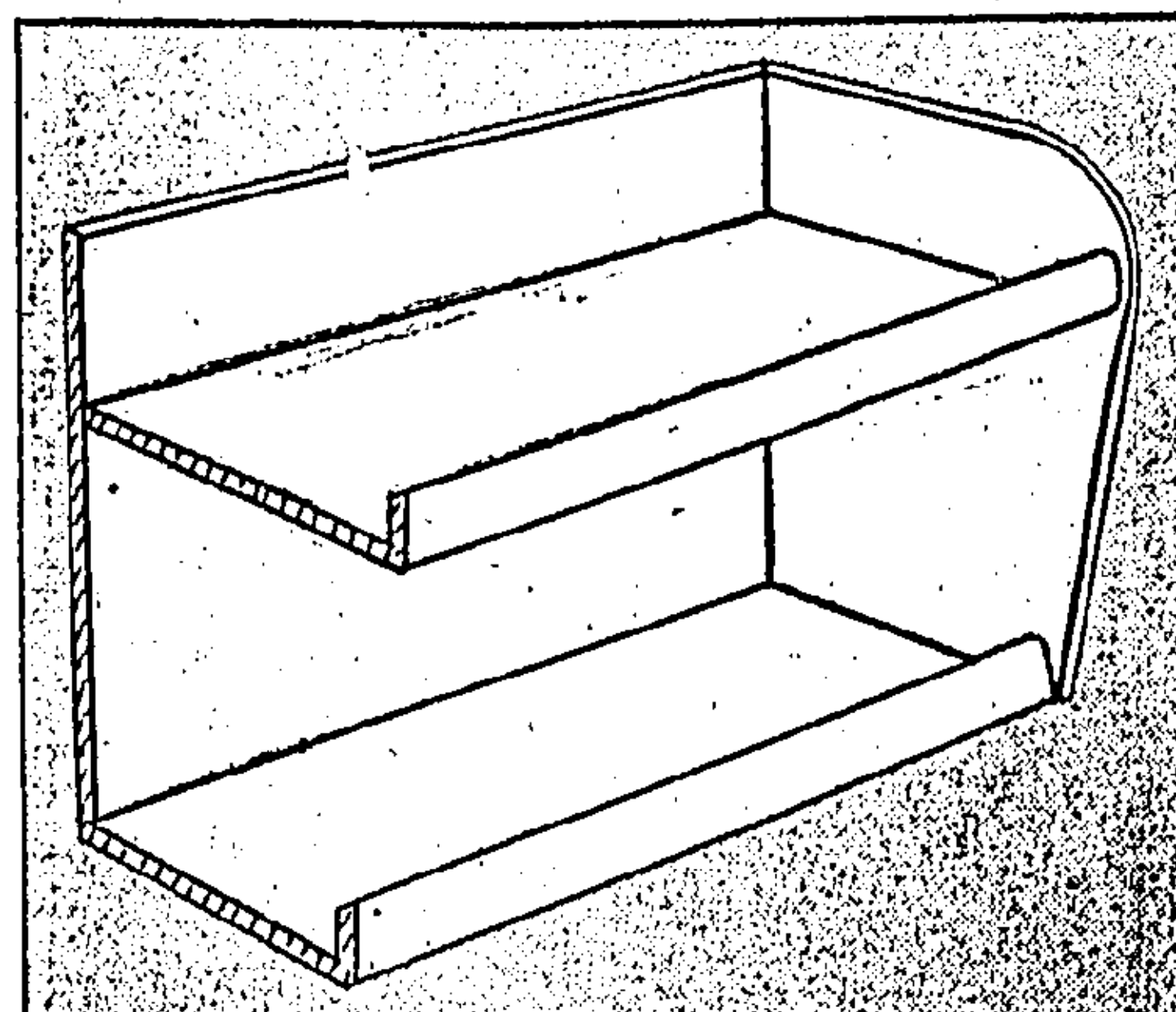
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NOW THE PIECES HAVE BEEN fashioned in place, all but the last one. Then hooks will be screwed on both sides to hold clothesline, clothes pin bag.



CAROL singers at the Kowloon Cricket Club Christmas dance last Saturday. On the right are two of the many happy parties present on the occasion. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



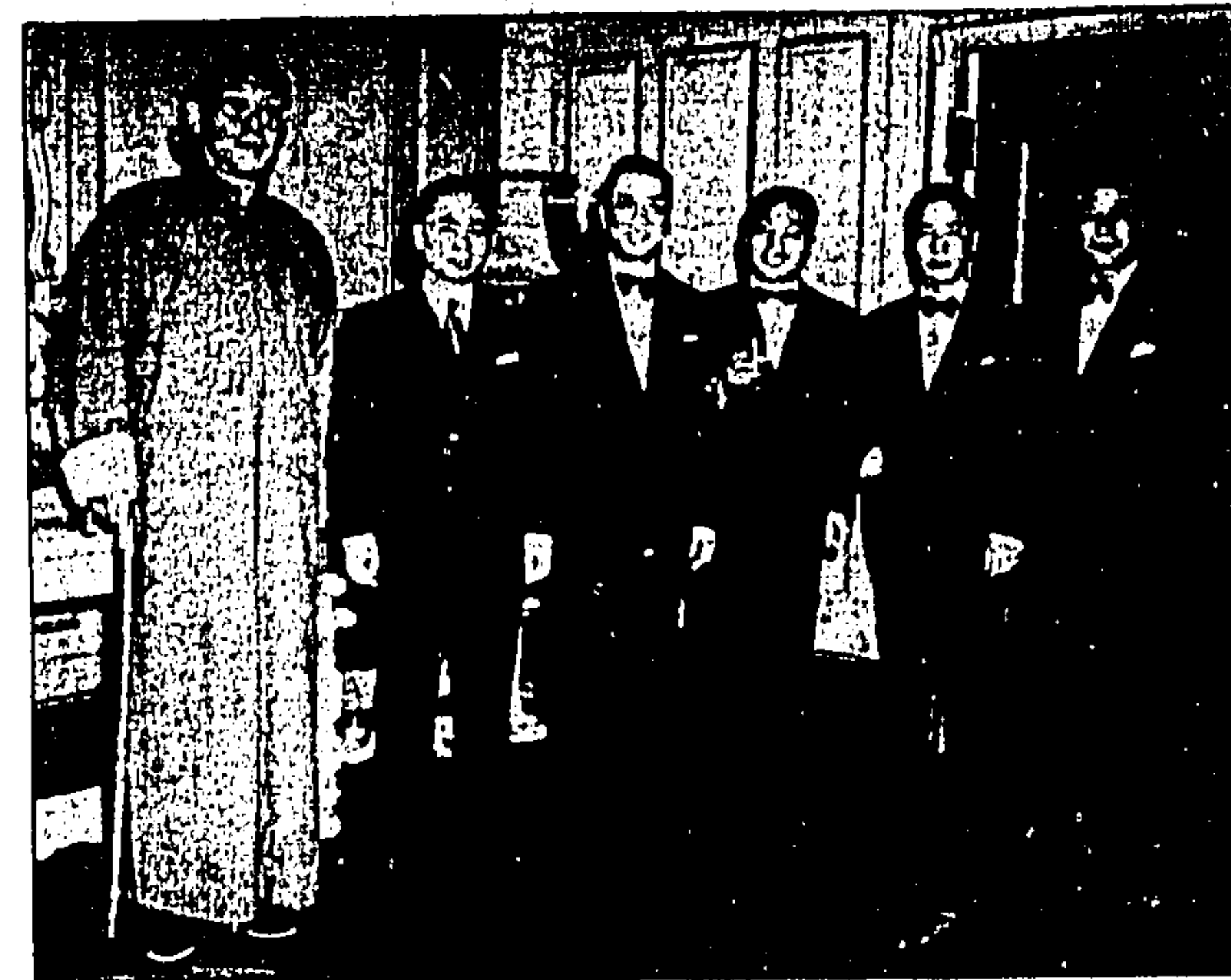
MR A. M. Silva (centre), Deputy for Macao in the Portuguese National Assembly, was guest of honour at a reception given at the Club Lusitano recently. Greeting Mr Silva is Dr E. Brazao, Portuguese Consul in Hongkong. (Francis Wu)



PICTURE taken after the christening at St Joseph's Church last Sunday of Fredericka Helena, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. A. Noronha. (Ming Yuen)



A race in progress at the sports meeting last week-end organised by the Taikoo Dock Chinese Welfare Association. Right: Lieut. Downer, who won the open marathon race. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



AT the 30th anniversary dinner of American Asiatic Underwriters, Inc., held at the Hongkong Hotel. From left: Messrs. P. Y. Sun, K. M. Chu, Lai Im-tong (manager for Hongkong of the company), K. K. Tso (manager for Shanghai), Ramon Kan and K. M. Leo. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MR Chen Shiu-chong and Miss Li Wan-ying, whose wedding took place at the Kowloon City Baptist Church last week. (Ming Yuen)

RIGHT: Picture taken after the christening of Mary Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs W. G. Hicks, at St Teresa's Church last Sunday. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



MR Emanuel Silverstone, vice-president of 20th Century-Fox International Films (centre), photographed with film distributors and theatre operators at a cocktail party given in his honour last week. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



LEFT: Brig. M. S. K. Maunsell, Chief of Staff, Land Forces, Hongkong, inspecting recruits of the Hongkong Chinese Training Unit at a passing-out parade last week. (Telegraph Staff Photographer)



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BUSY CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME FOR LOCAL SOCCER

BY "UNOMI"

The Christmas holidays, starting today, will be a busy period for local football players. Today, four games in the First Division are down for decision. Sunday and Monday will see the start of the International Cup and to round off the programme two more games in the First Division will be played on Tuesday afternoon.

The Senior League is now moulding itself into a definite shape. The position at the top is as follows:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Kitchee	10	10	0	0	44	4	20
Army	13	9	2	2	41	18	20
KMB	11	9	0	2	39	11	18
St. Joseph's	10	6	2	2	25	20	14

League leaders Kitchee are still undefeated and have a commanding lead. Consistency is the secret of their success. The Kitchee defence have allowed only four goals to pass them up to the present in league matches. They are worthy of their high position in the league.

Army have been victorious in their past eight games. The soldiers are now waiting on Kitchee making a few mistakes. Then they will both be neck and neck for the League Championship.

Kowloon Bus, the third team of the top quartette, has an excellent chance of winning the title. This team, one of the strongest in the Colony, has during the past few seasons had the championship flag within its grasp on many occasions only to have fatal slips at the end of the season rob them of success. Who knows, this may be their season?

St. Joseph's have still an outside chance of finishing on top. If they hope to do so they must improve their standard of play. Their victory over Club last week was most unconvincing.

TODAY'S BEST

Today the game which looks most appealing will be the meeting of Club and Royal Navy at Happy Valley. Both teams play the same brand of football.

Although not as fast as the Chinese, these English teams play the type of game which appeals to the European spectator. Club have been concentrating on fielding the same team every week and the policy appears to be paying dividends. Brown, in goal, has regained the confidence he has lacked of

late and is now handling the ball with safety. The mainstay of the team is the mid-line. Andy Mullen, the Club captain, is in grand form and is the steady influence in a team which contains many youngsters who require a guiding hand.

Widger, the inside-right, is the opportunist in the forward line. Recently in the Challenge Shield match he scored three of his team's five goals.

The Navy are a strange team. If they could be assured of having the same players available every week they would be in a position near the top of the League table.

However, service duties come first and they are forced to make drastic changes in their line-up almost every game. The Navy gave a much improved showing last week against KMB to what they have been turning up for a long time and if the same team is available for today's game they should manage to collect both points.

Kowloon Motor Bus should be able to repeat their victory of a fortnight ago when they met Commando at Sookunpo.

THE INTERNATIONALS

The first round of the International Cup is due to be played, one match on Christmas Day and one on Boxing Day. Scotland are given the unenviable task of opposing the strong China eleven in the opening game.

The Scottish team contains some of the Colony's favourite players but the team as a whole lacks the punch necessary to beat the Chinese.

The China team comprises nine Kitchee players and two from KMB. The side is "star"-studded and should ensure entry into the next round of the competition.

The Boxing Day game will be a thriller—England v Portugal at Boundary Street. Despite the fact that the English selectors have many more players to choose from than the other countries, with the exception of China, the side to do duty is not exactly the ideal eleven.

The inclusion of Martin Brown, Weston, Barry and Brown is a polish to the team.

Tennant, the Army pivot was selected to play but injury has forced him to withdraw. He will be greatly missed.

CUP FIGHTERS

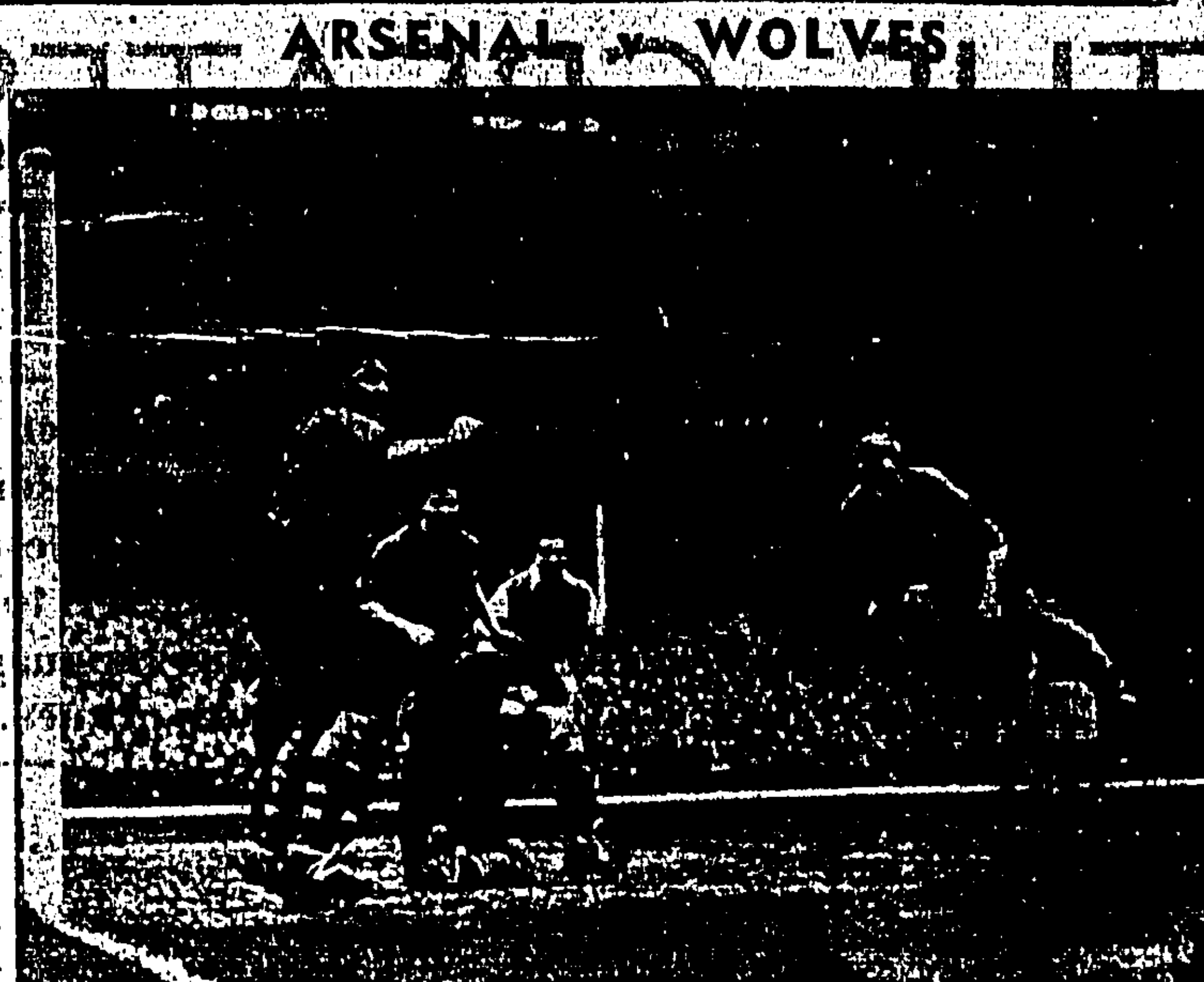
Portugal have a great reputation as cup fighters and even with their limited number of players can be assured of putting up a hard fight. Four players from Macao have been selected and they fit into the style of play of the rest of the team the match will be a real test for the strong English side.

A favourite with local supporters will be in the centre-half for Portugal, Alex Alvares. He will be coming to Hong Kong for the first time. I think Berry and company carry that little something extra which is required to win a game of this calibre.

Two League games are scheduled for Tuesday as part of the festive season programme. League leaders Kitchee should account for Eastern, although the latter team can rise to the occasion and may spring one of the season's surprises.

The remaining match, Police v St. Joseph's, will be a most interesting one to watch. The Saints have still ambitions of winning the League Championship and must win this game or say goodbye to all their chances of league honours.

Police are a hard team to beat on their own ground. Howlett is the inspiration of the team and encourages his men to get rid of any inferiority complex they may have regarding opponents. Anything can happen in this game, the result of which may be decided by a late goal.



Wright, Wolves' Captain, heads clear from a dangerous situation when Wolverhampton's goalie, Williams, was on the ground in the match at Highbury.

International Series Spices Yuletide Softball Fare

BY "STARDUST"

This year's Yuletide softball bill of fare is spiced with an International flavour which should satisfy the palates of even the most rabid ball fan. The Christmas pageantry features a parade of nations as the opening round games of the annual Series for the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels International Shield gets under way with four teams battling each other on Boxing Day.

Powerful Portugal, holders of the Shield, tangle with the representatives of the Philippines in the opening tilt of a twin bill. The nightcap should be a battle royal between two equally strong teams representing Great Britain and Pakistan. This should be a touch-and-go affair to the finish.

Several loop fixtures will be played off on Monday and Tuesday. The best games are the Senior Loop encounter between St. Theresa's and the Jaguars and the tussle featuring the Squaws and the White Fangs in the Ladies' Junior Section. Frank Cleary's hustling Americans clash with the Overseas in another promising Senior Loop attraction on Tuesday.

Once again Portugal has an imposing array of diamond stars to draw from in selecting her line-up. After several years of fruitless quest, the Lusitanians annexed the championship last year by beating Pakistan in a close tussle.

AT THE HELM

Charlie Figueiredo will be at the helm of the Portuguese and will be assisted by Artur Osoz as field captain. Portugal has several pitchers ready for duty and these will be handled by their regular battery mates.

Joy Franco and Pety Malt of St. Theresa's may get the starting assignment by virtue of their fine showing in the Senior Loop. Other pitching combinations are Chappie Remedios and Bill Yanovich of the Braves, Vic Pedruco and Frankie Correa of the Jaguars, and the Silva-Netto brothers of Madcap vintage.

First base is not a difficult spot to fill. The Tribe's lanky Carlos Yanovich and St. Theresa's Enrique Rosario are safe holders but as the emphasis will be on hitting the Madcap reliable, Rennie Sequeira, may be given the nod.

Mighty mile Artur Osoz is an automatic choice for the keystone berth and will be flanked by either youthfull Junior Remedios or Madcapper Louie Oliveira at short stop. Remedios is a better windy alley custodian than Oliveira and should get the starting role.

Third base will be left to St. Theresa's Billy Soares who is way above the other candidates. Tony Osmund and Gerry Langenberg, in hitting. It can be truly said that Portugal has the best outfield trio in the International Series. There are several outstanding performers to choose from.

The Braves have Gussie Pereira and home run king "Spikes" Guterres. St. Joseph's come up with loop-leading George Souza while St. Theresa's can furnish two reliable fielders in Gerry Roza-Pereira and Oly Omar Sabu Sami. B. A. Abbas, Xavier will be representing Portugal at football. It is rather doubtful that they will see action in softball as well.

P. I. SIDE KEEN

The Philippines have a less experienced side which must concede superiority to Portugal in all departments of the game.

However, Manager Fred Diesta is quite confident his boys will extend the Portuguese.

The Filipino team has been drawn mostly from the Cumbancheros with additional strength coming from St. Joseph's and the Daredovils. The Philippines lost their first round game last season to Britain after a tense struggle.

They have been working out during the week and are raring to go.

The Philippines team will be selected from: Fred Diesta, El Guzman, Hideozo Dizon, Louis Diano, Charlie Thompson, Baby Babida, Sebastian Babida, Blas Despa, Buntly Neves, Louis Rocha, and Ricardo Maltig (Cumbancheros). Frankie Gonzales (St. Joseph's) at Maltig, Steve Delgado, Johnnie Castillo, and Chico Castillo (Daredovils).

WELL MATCHED

Pakistan and Britain are well matched and should provide Xmas fans with a thrilling game. Pakistan entered the Finals last year by beating Britain convincingly in the Senior Loop. Both teams have new blood this season with Britain strengthened by several youthful stars. Hal Wing Lee has the management of the Britons while Jin Hussain will lead the Pakistanis.

The starting line-ups of both teams are undecided as yet but the teams will be drawn from the following:

Britain: Jock Brown and Ingmar Erikson (St. Theresa), Dave Leonard, Stan Leonard, Bimby Abilong, and Hal Wing Lee (St. Joseph's). Umberto Mose and Eric Guest (Jaguars), Buster Hollands, Sid Hollands, George Saunders, and Anatoly Thomas (Madcaps), Billy Wilkinson, Al Smirke, and Eddie Mason (Baseballers), Gerald Penney (Junior Jaguars), and Danny Izatt (Braves).

Pakistan: Sherry Buckle, Benny Omar, Capone Rumjahn, and Jin Hussain (St. Joseph's), S. H. Khan, S. K. Khan, "Coffee" Bakar, Skeely Rozack, Oly Omar Sabu Sami, B. A. Abbas, E. Yusuf, Romco Hamet, and M. A. Wahab (Foks), Junior Markar, Barney Abbas, "Tiger" Hussain, "Tarzan" Ismail (Cannadins).

China and the United States have drawn byes in the first round. China will play the winners of the Portugal-Philippines game while the USA

will tangle with either Pakistan or Britain.

Frank Cleary has been nominated to manage a strong American entry in the Series. The players in the side have been drawn from the Americans, Madcaps, and the USS "Sallebury Sound", and include the following:

Pitchers: Benny Fiori, J. Jowers, and Andy Avalos (USN), Norman Schwartz and Fred Heckman (Americans), Catchers: Chief Chaplin (USN) and Bob Murphy (Americans), First Base: Jim Moore (Madcaps) and H. V. Beeson (USN). Second Base: Cliff Flook (A) and Mike Fritchel (USN). Short stop: V. J. McLaughlin (USN), and George Gallop (A). Third base: Red Yardley (USN) and Harry Ayres (A). Outfielders: C. W. Archibald, D. E. McKinley, and Hollywood Saine (USN). Joe Schulte, John Brown, and Bob Porter (A). Utilities: J. L. Buda (USN), Louis Dempsey, Joe Lynch, and Frank Cleary (Americans).

TUESDAY'S TUSSELE

Tuesday's tussle between St. Theresa's and the Jaguars will be closely contested as both sides pack strong hitters and have speedy base runners. Theresa start out slight favourites by virtue of their superior experience but the Jolting Jaguars are quite capable of turning the tables at any time. These two teams are playing a postponed fixture which should have an important bearing on the prospects of both teams for the play-offs.

The Americans and the Overseas will take up right where they left off when they first met earlier in the season. Their initial encounter was called on account of darkness in the top of the fifth stanza with the score at 5-3 in favour of the Overseas.

The Yanks have a better team than the side which lined up in that first game with Norman Schwartz heading the Colony's list of hurlers. The Americans are expected to win.

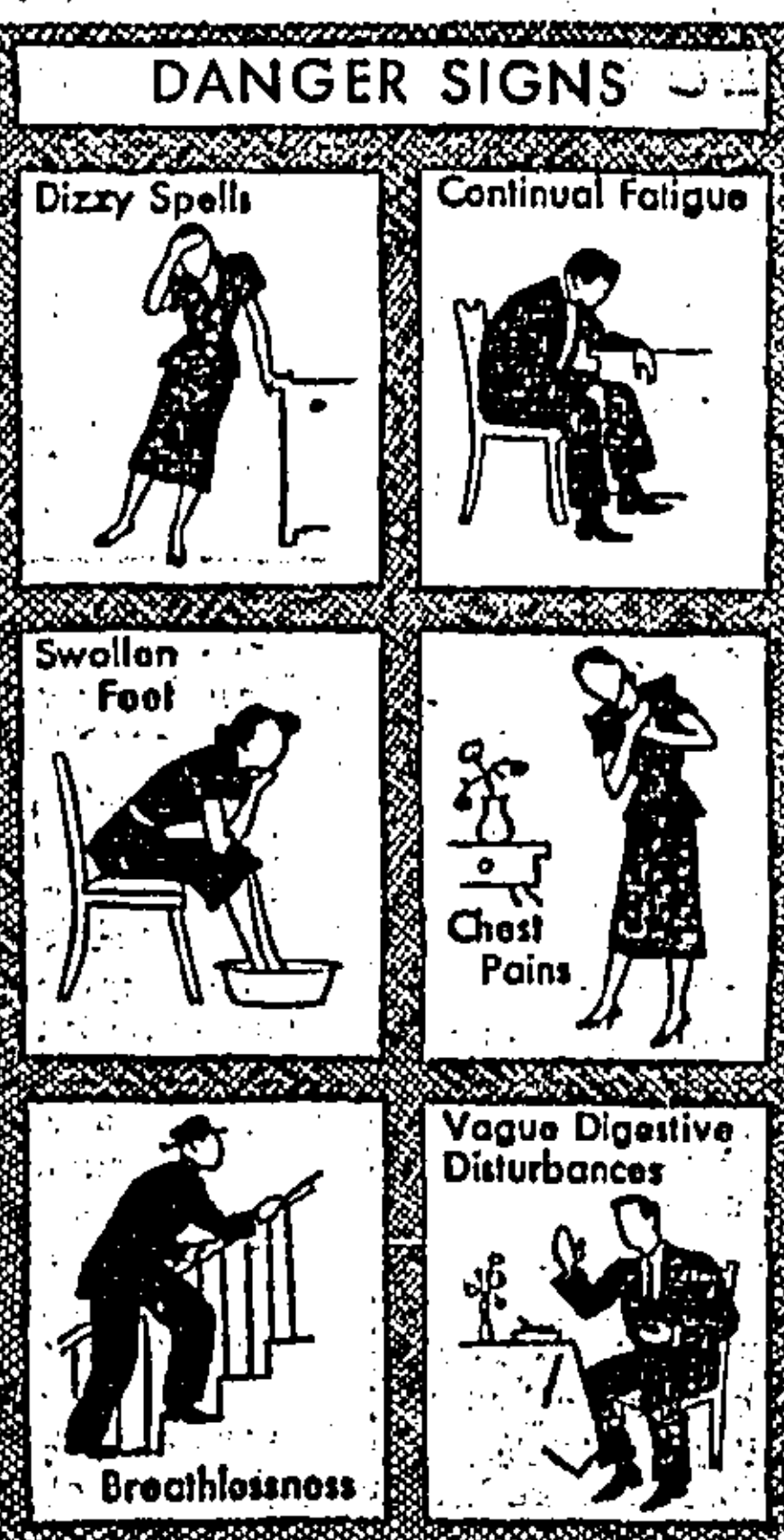
The Braves should rout the Daredovils when they meet in another postponed fixture. In the Junior Loop, the Pandas the Delawares reply their drawn game.

"Stardust" wishes all his readers a Merry Xmas full of the joys and happiness associated with the festive occasion.

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Fear about your heart may cause as much trouble as actual heart disease. Your "heart symptoms" may easily have a less serious origin. Instead of worrying—see a doctor!

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Those unjustified sneers at the man who saved Swinburne

SWINBURNE By Humphrey Hare Witherby 15s. 216 pages.

RARELY has man been so scurvily treated by history as Theodore Watts-Dunton. What is the supposed crime of this amiable literary solicitor?

That he clipped the wings of one of the eagles of song. That he reformed Swinburne's genius to the accepted standards of the Victorian middle class. That he substituted for the wild life in which inspiration is supposed to thrive, the prim monasticism of No. 2, The Pines, Putney.

Now, the biographers have asked themselves indignantly, could Swinburne have allowed this profaning decline into domestic tranquillity? In what consisted the "rattles and fancies" of the old horror of Putney? (Watts-Dunton?) The whole storm of abuse and sneers in which Humphrey Hare

joins is completely unjustified. Swinburne's poetic gift had burnt itself out before the Putney days began.

Would it have been better if he had died, like his scandalous friend, the artist, Simon Solomon, of chronic alcoholism in St Giles, Workhouse?

Or, like his even more sinister acquaintance, Howell, in a Soho gutter with his throat cut and a sovereign between his clenched teeth?

Swinburne was heading in some such direction. Perhaps he would have died of his own hand after receiving some communication from a blackmailer.

From all that Watts-Dunton saved him. He bought off the blackmailers. He put a stop to those visits to "Mrs. A's" establishment in the Euston Road. He

substituted bottled ale for brandy.

It was no doubt an anti-climax, as if an unfinished tragedy by Marlowe had been completed by Mr. Atlee.

But the only people who suffer because of it are Swinburne's biographers, who find that their final chapters are unconsciously tame.

That may be why they are annoyed. Humphrey Hare's life of the poet is a lively, revealing piece of writing. But, oh, what a price!

THE BEND OF THE RIVER. By Godfrey Winn Hutchinson. 12s. 6d. 232 pages.

WHEN a man reaches forty, he has come to the bend of the river. It is time to pause and take stock. Hence Godfrey Winn's title.



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Let nobody suppose, however that he has suddenly become pompous. Not at all. And so far from pausing to take stock, the book is mainly an account of a hurried tour of America—and of the people that Winn has been meeting.

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He has the good journalist's eye for a story. He has his own enviable gift of being able to talk on paper.

No danger of this easy narrative crumbling into mere sequence of anecdotes. Winn's excellent and confident nature, retaining the boyish zest of the under-forties, carries the reader on.

ALICE. By Elizabeth Eliot. Cassell. 8s. 6d. 218 pages.

HERE is good fun. Here is a new recruit for the platoon of satirical ladies. Here, beneath the demure prattle is a not-so-gentle debunking of the British landed gentry.

The alleged absurdity, delinquency and mental instability of this former ruling group is exposed to everything save

moral condemnation. "With my mother, red hair usually meant that she was engaged to a foreigner," that is the tone. Alice's young man is stolen by her older, lovelier sister, Sonia. Alice sticks pins in a plasticine model of Sonia and marries a natural platinum blond named Cassius.

With a husband whose hair is that colour, nobody can be surprised when Alice takes up with Felix, old enough to be her mother's lover and bad-tempered enough to be her father.

Nor is it a shock that Felix finally beats Alice up. Why he has to try into a blazing rage before performing one of the few rational acts in the whole novel, I cannot think.

Helped by the bump on her head, Alice makes her first serious effort to grapple with life. After making a success of the West End stage, she loses her memory. This is regarded as unspeakably sad.

But there is a lot to be said for forgetting what Alice has to remember. Recommended to the Nancy Mitford public.

THE YOUNG LIONS. By Irwin Shaw. Cape. 15s. 665 pages.

A BIG, tough, American soldier's novel. Not so foul-mouthed as The Naked and the Dead, but out of the same stable.

The lives of three men meet, though they are scarcely interlocked. Christian Diesel, a "decent" Nazi; Noah Ackerman, an American Jew; and Michael Whitacre, a stage manager at odds with his wife.

As the end of the war comes nearer, the trio meet in a forest. Christian kills Noah. Michael kills Christian. Finish.

Before that final scene, we have read, in effect, three novels. The German section—Christian's affair with his officer's peculiar wife in Berlin; his moral decay—are a real imaginative feat.

The grimness of war in a book of exceptional power. —(London Express Service)

LIBRARY LIST

● That's Me All Over. By Cornelia Ott Skinner. Constable. 10s.; 112 pages.

A collection of the gayest nonsense, in which we dance at many of life's more alarming moments, from the inconvenience of having a baby to the torture (for a male) of buying a bottle of perfume.

● The Window of Janel. Anthology by Lewis Browne. Michael Joseph. 12s. 6d.; 120 pages.

From the Talmud to the story of the two rival traders, "Where are you going?" asked the first.

"I'm on my way to Pink," said the second, to which the first answered: "You tell me you are going to Pink because you want me to believe you are going to Pink. But I happen to know you really are going to Pink, so why do you have to tell me a lie?"

● Family Trouble. By William McFee Fisher. 10s. 6d.; 268 pages.

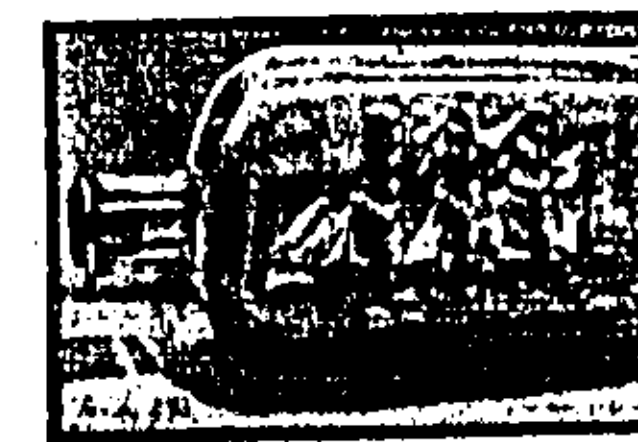
The well-known Mr. Spenser unfolds for us the character of his neighbour, Jack Hannister, a man with a few troubles.

Pioneers' Stamp



This is the new American airmail stamp issued on December 17 in commemoration of the Wright Brothers' first flight in 1903. It went on sale first at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, where the flight took place. —(London Express Service)

Secret of ship in bottle is revealed



WITH the aid of a book just published, and a lot of patience, you can achieve the old sailor's "miracle" of a "full-rigged ship in a bottle."

The book, Ships in Bottles (Percival Marshall and Co., 3s. 6d.), is by J.P. Lauder and H. H. Biggs.

Most people know that the ships are "fin" when put into the bottles, and the rigging is then gently raised by pulling on fine threads.

But here are some of the hints the book gives. A piece of deal from an old packing case or the firewood store is best for the hull of the tiny ship.

A putty 'sea'

Orange sticks, match sticks or splinters from an old box-wood ruler make the masts. White cotton is used for rigging and fuse wire for lashings.

A paper cut from the border of a magazine will make the sails.

Deck-houses and hatches can be made from match boxwood. The "sea" is putty or plasticine.

A piece of stout wire, a safety razor blade and a child's paintbrush are among the tools needed.

Tip for the beginner: When the boat is ready, have a dress rehearsal and pass it through a hole in a piece of cardboard the size of the neck of the bottle.

Pull up the rigging without touching the model. —(London Express Service)

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SPARE MOMENTS PAGE

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

You Can't Go For Game All The Time

♠KQ7	♥1000	♦A983	♣72
♠Q52	♥KQ7	♦Q8	♣A95
♠A95	♥Q8	♦K1072	♣Q109
♠K83	♥A5	♦Q109	♣K83

Lesson Hand on Bidding
Neither vul.

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	5♠	Pass

Opening—♥K 22

BY WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

TODAY'S lesson hand on bidding involves the point as to whether or not you should support your partner's bid or show your own suit.

South has a good sound bid of one spade. Should North bid two spades or two diamonds?

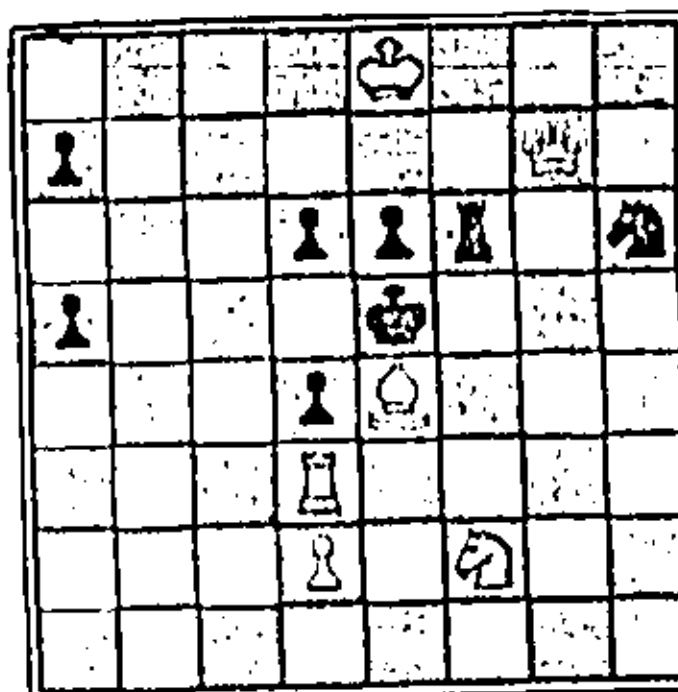
Most experts today agree that to go into the two zone, you must have at least a trick and a half. North's hand meets this requirement for a bid of two diamonds; but outside of the diamond suit, the hand is pretty shallow. Therefore, some fine players would sign the hand off with a bid of two spades.

But let us suppose that North makes the constructive bid of two diamonds and South then bids two spades. With this bid South says, "Partner, even though you have made a constructive bid, I do not have anything else to advertise."

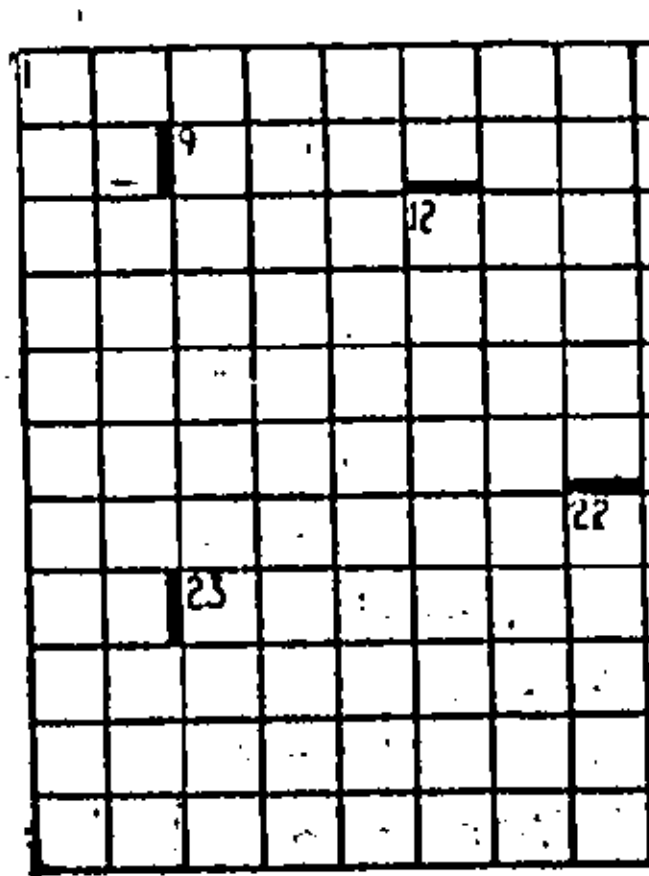
Now what should North do when it is his turn to bid? He should not bid three spades as he did in this case. The two diamond bid was a free bid showing a trick and a half, but all North has is three trumps and a trick and a half. So just learn how to say "Pass."

South has a good solid spade suit, and he does have more than he advertised. Therefore, if North bids three spades, South is coaxed into a bid of four spades, which he cannot make.

CHESS PROBLEM

By J. CHOCOLOUS
Black, 8 pieces.White, 6 pieces.
White to play and mate in three.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. R-B2, any; 2. Q, R, or K1 mates.

SKELETON

CLUES ACROSS.
6. — this is one form.
8. He or she is this person.
10. Completed in the dive?
12. Nothing less than a soulmate.

(Solution on this page)

CROSSWORD

13. Horse was such a prophet.
14. If previously heard, it isn't.
15. Far from ray on the eye.
16. What? No W.O.? That's
17. A wicked
18. Dejected G.I.
19. Poetic sea.
20. Dejected from righteousness.
21. Name of a Lancastrian.
22. Not quite ready to interpret.
23. Bird about before dusk.
24. Language in the interior of
25. Hebrews could have made more
of this measure.CLUES DOWN.
1. Salvation of the said W.O.
(two words)
2. Branch of appointment?
3. Time for an event.
4. Like Richard the First?
5. Roderick's river.
6. An intoxicating drink of some
benefit.
7. Pony rides me for a change!
8. Disturbance clearly something
list to the count.
9. Dam big in the U.S.A.
10. Weightless warlike.
11. Only half a horse?
12. Glimmer.
13. Lifted up.
14. Great holders.
15. Also in wages, we think.

(Solution on this page)

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

PEQUENA, the dancer that this would not be good from Ciceres (she was born near the bull-ring on the Trujillo road), had a public row with the choreographer Pubcan in the hotel the other day. The Filistitan Trio had asked her to launch their see-saw by breaking a bottle of beer over it. Pubcan argued

that this would not be good publicity for a dancer. Whereupon the great-hearted lady embraced the three Persians, who cried, "Oh, usl Pot luck for we three Yum-yum, we say, more kisses if you please, mum! Ho, yes!" Pubcan shouted angrily, and Ashura stooped and tore out his bootlaces. Then the three did a fantastic dance with Pequena ending in a tumble. When they all got up they found they had been sitting on the hotel manager. The Macaroon of Macaroon was a disgusted witness of the incident.

Sonnet

That which perfection's self imperfect makes,
By reason's own unreason is betrayed.
Since he who loyalty for treason takes
In this same act is reason's traitor made.
Yet reason in perfection's sure despite
By traitorous faith unreason doth conceal,
While faithless loyalty, in treason's right,
Shall loyal treachery to herself reveal.So one who still pursues a falling star,
Shall at the last make full acknowledgment
That they who by themselves abandoned are,
May, lacking reason for their true content,
Held fast to truth, not seeking to decay
This loyalty in reason's treachery.

Fun on the roads

THE police will find it very difficult to decide whether the new red and white striped petrol is white petrol partially dyed red or red petrol partially dyed white. The suggestion that yellow petrol would be easier to detect when dyed green is not supported by anybody.

YOUR BIRTHDAY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

If you are born today, you are one of the world's adventurers—whether it be in feats of physical courage or in innovations of ideas. You have a bright, sparkling wit and can see everything with a critical eye. You have a keen sense of drama and your own generation may misunderstand you because you are always trying out something new, progressive—or at least different.

Of course, this individualism can be carried to an extreme which will go against you when it comes to commercial or business success at first. But if you hold to your ideas—and ideas—eventually should win financial success as well as fame.

You could become one of the inspired teachers of your time, for you have the ability which is so unusual, of inspiring those who come under your direction to do their own best work in their own individual spheres of influence. You are one of those rare individuals who leads others—yet does not insist that everyone follow your own pattern. Imitation, to you, is one of the major evils—and a great sin against the ultimate development of the individual.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—This Christmas Day is likely to be filled with delightful surprises. Good news should come to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—If you have complete faith in your innermost desires, then you ultimately will be granted your wish.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—A pleasant day for you and your family. If driving, be careful on a crowded roadway.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—A social, personal day. Be careful, however, of minor accidents due to hasty actions.

BEING born on Christmas Day is an unusual occurrence, and when it is yours, then you may look forward to an unusual life. The very fact of your birth date has a particular significance and is likely to influence your entire life. So much will be expected of you that you will find it necessary to put forth more than ordinary effort and energy to live up to these expectations.

You are highly emotional and have a deep understanding of all mankind. You also have the gift of being able to give excellent advice. You often expend so much time and energy on the problems of others that your own life tends to become confused. In the modern, highly competitive world, you might do well to rectify this, for all too often the visionary individual is misunderstood unless his visions can be materialized.

You have the gift of the written as well as the spoken word and probably would become influential in the field of inspirational writing. As a lecturer and teacher, you could become outstanding.

Your personal life may be fraught with complications and these are problems you must attempt to solve as easily as you solve the problems of others who come to you for help. You can find happiness in marriage only with someone whose ideals and sympathies are identical with your own.

To find what the stars have in store for Monday, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—A bright and joyful day with a happy ending if you do not let impulses run away with common sense.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Happiness on the domestic scene continues to be yours. Find new joy in marriage. A wedding anniversary?

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Be careful in your attitude today, for there can be minor misunderstandings if you are not careful.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Take advantage of the slow-down tempo of activity. Rest and relax.

If born today, you have an innate ingenuity which helps you to solve all types of problems. You have keen observation, and understand people thoroughly. You comprehend motivations and then are able to give excellent advice.

You know how to concentrate on one thing at a time. But this does not preclude your learning considerably in a number of different fields, for you go into one thing, polish it off and then start something else. Success is indicated. Set the goal of endeavour, which interests you most in youth. You have the capabilities for anything you wish to undertake. It is most likely, however, that you will be happiest in some cultural field.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Good for marriage as well as for all business potentials. Avoid dangers while travelling. Be cautious.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—If you are careful to avoid hasty actions, you can also avoid minor accidents and have a good day.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Cultivate new interests today and you will enjoy increased pleasure in life. Broaden your outlook.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Business continues to show improvement, especially if dealing in public commodities.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Exert caution on the domestic scene. Tact and diplomacy may avert pending difficulties.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—There are abundant opportunities if you know how to take the best possible advantage of them now.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Avoid hasty decisions as they can prove disastrous to the entire picture of your future planning.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—A day of mixed blessings. Some great desire may be fulfilled, yet an unexpected event may cause unhappiness.

Interested in the mysterious and the occult, you would enjoy travelling or even living in the Orient. Since you are by nature something of a reformer, the inequalities among mankind make you unhappy and you will want to do something about it. As a protagonist for some worthy cause, you could become an important leader.

Fond of your own home and having very strong family ties, you will be happiest if you wed while quite young and rear a family of your own.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Take good care of all domestic problems, for they can prove vexing unless you are very diplomatic.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Beware of your impulses! Act on your own after very careful consideration if you want things to run smoothly.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Some fortunate "break" will give you that long awaited opportunity. Be prepared to take full advantage of it.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—All lines of activity are excellent except travel. Be a "stay-at-home" today and you will find happiness.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Minor misadventures, perhaps due to too much previous activity, may occur. Rest and recoup your energies.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—A day rather for rest and relaxation than for continued activities. Make careful plans for your future.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Keep things under control today. Accidents due to carelessness can be avoided with due precautions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Impulsiveness is not for today! Guard your actions and make sure you do not overstep the limits of caution.

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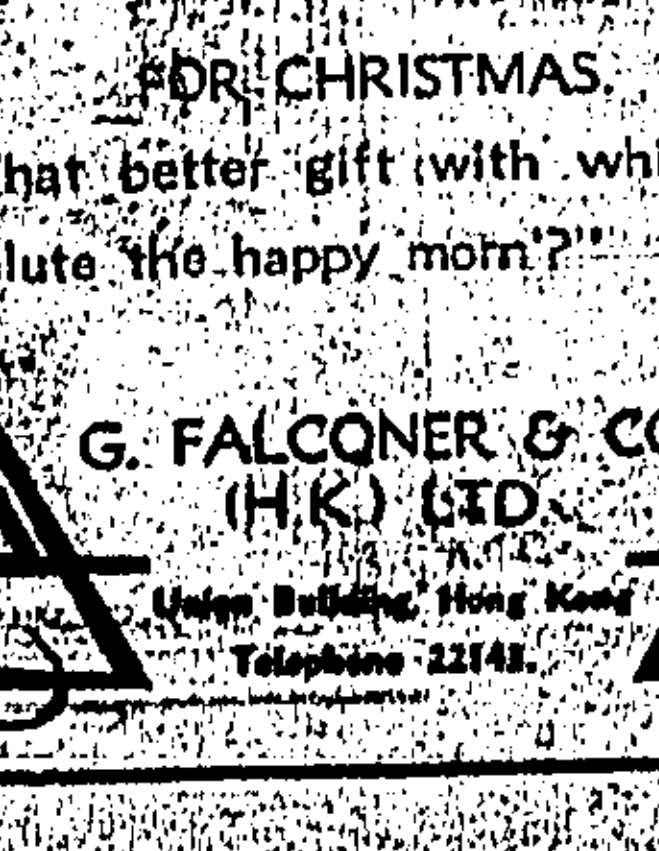
Solution of yesterday's puzzle.

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